

Council meeting

Minutes March Council meeting

Dickson Room Admin Building

2.00 pm, 13 March 2025

Item	Agenda (responsibility)		Actions
1	Attendance	Present	
1.1	Record of attendance	<p>Council members: Linda Beveridge (LB), Alan Henderson (AH), Beth Tyerman (BT), Cathy Robertson (CR), Rod King (RK); Kerry Moir (KM), Darrell Porter (DP)</p> <p>Ex Officio: Craig Cosgrove (CC); Helen McHugh (HM);</p> <p>Invited Friend Christianna Cobbold</p> <p>Apologies Chris Mackay (CM), Ian Primrose (IP) Neville Page (NP)</p>	CR to circulate an attendance sheet.
1.2	Councillors' availability and planned absences	Council members requested to record planned absences in the calendar on shared drive. Noted	CR
1.3	Conflict of interest declaration/s	Council members requested to be aware of this requirement. None declared. Noted	LB

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1.4	Approval of agenda	<p>Approval of agenda and the following items to be moved to the top of the agenda: after Item 2.1: Item 4.1 ANBG Director's Report, Item 3.2 Membership system Items 3.4. ANBG Scholarships; 5.2.3 the Bruce Lindenmayer Bequest; and Item 6.00 Project Committee.</p> <p>Moved: LB / CR Carried.</p>	
2	Previous minutes		
	Approve minutes of the previous meeting	Approval of the minutes of the 13 February meeting of FANBG Council. Moved: BT/CR Carried.	LB/BT to post on FANBG website.
2.1	Previous actions (not covered by agenda)		
3	FANBG Priorities		
3.1	Income Review Working Group	This item was deferred to April meeting.	CM
3.2	Membership system	<p>Report on shared drive.</p> <p>Three additional members have joined the Membership System team, which now has seven members including Christianna Cobbold, Lesley Harland, David More, Wanda Filsell.</p> <p>They have been exploring the Member Jungle small trial database.</p> <p>Member Jungle has provided a quote for implementation, and the committee would like to progress to the next stage.</p> <p>Christianna indicated that a demonstration of new system to Council could be given to its June meeting.</p> <p>Resolution: That Council approve payment to Member Jungle for the next 3 months progress, including One Time On Boarding and Accelerator Start up package.</p> <p>Moved RK/AH. Carried.</p>	Christianna Cobbold

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3.3	Website Progress	BT spoke to her report. She will be undertaking the testing for the new website in April. Noted.	BT
3.4	ANBG Scholarships	HM to investigate scholarship payments and update AH. Noted. The approval to grant 3 ANBG PhD Scholars: Shelley Rowntree (UNE), Tasha James (UC) and Jay Nicholson (ANU) payments for 2025 academic year was deferred to next meeting, pending University confirmation that students are continuing an approved course of study in 2025.	HM and AH to follow up.
3.5	New Members Welcome and Walk	Several Council members plan to attend and some are giving presentations. Noted	LB
3.6	Walk from ANBG to NAC	Work Group formed and first meeting to be held on 14 March. Noted.	LB/DP
3.7	Weeding working parties	Next event 8:30am Saturday 5 April 2025 in the ANBG. Noted.	LB
3.8	FANBG Policy and Procedures Update	Deferred to next meeting.	DP
3.9	Public Officer	Motion: That Council approve DP as the Public Officer for FANBG due to CM's unavoidable withdrawal from the position. Moved: LB/ AH Carried.	DP
3.10	Botanic Gardens Week 19-25 May 2025	Helen McHugh will be organising ANBG events for BGW and noted the Social Committee's interest in a twilight visit to the Gardens for Friends in May, and the BGANZ suggestion for family themed events. Helen will consult with LB to arrange involvement of the Friends. Noted.	LB/HM

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4	ANBG Reports		
4.1	ANBG Acting Director's Report	CC presented his report. Noted.	
4.2	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer's Report	HM presented her report, and it is now available on the shared drive. Noted.	HM
5	FANBG Executive Reports		
5.1	President's Report	LB's report is on shared drive. Noted.	LB
5.2	Treasurer's Report	RK spoke to the financial reports attached to the Agenda. He requested Council approval for February 2025 Balance sheets and Income statement Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be received. Moved RK/ CR Carried.	RK
5.2.1	FANBG Term deposits	The Council noted that the following resolution was carried unanimously by an out-of-session: <i>The Friends Executive recommend we resolve out-of-session, transfers to Trust Funds money from both the Operating Account (\$120,000) and, separately, from the Gift Fund Account (\$40,000). Their terms are for 3 months at an interest rate of 4.65%.</i>	RK
5.2.2	Financial administration	While RK is on leave in May, AH will carry out tasks in association with the accountant. Noted.	RK/AH/ NP
5.2.3	Lindenmayer Bequest	AH 's led a discussion on the application of the Lindenmayer Bequest. Council agreed that the options paper be forwarded to Lindenmayer family representatives for consideration. Moved: AH / LB. Carried.	AH
5.3	Secretary's report	Membership credentials and attendance record for Council meetings. Noted.	CR

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6.0	Project Committee Report	Report on shared drive. In response to a question, Craig Cosgrove explained that the Bottle tree root protection platform in ANBG section 302, estimated to cost \$60,000 will not be included in the Gardens' capital works budget bid for 2025-2026. It therefore remains as a project for Project Committee consideration. Noted.	AH/RK
7	Volunteer Guides	KM spoke to her report which was circulated before the meeting and is on the shared drive. Noted.	KM
8	Friends Groups		LB
8.1	Botanic Art Group (BAG)	<u>Members' Preview</u> on Friday 4 April from 2pm to 4pm, all Friends at the Visitor Centre Councillors, please save the date. Noted.	LB/Judy Hutchinson
8.2	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcast emails • Fronds 	Report by BT on shared drive. Fronds ongoing.	BT/CR
8.3	Flowers Fruit and Foliage	Ongoing	Ben and Ros Walcott
8.4	Friends Nature Journaling	Ongoing	Lesley Page
8.5	Growing Friends	Autumn plant sale on 08 March was the most successful ever. The report is on the shared drive. Noted.	Maurice Hermann
8.6	Membership Team	Monthly reports for February on shared drive. Council approves new members' applications. Moved: CR/ BT. Carried.	CR/ Lesley Harland

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8.7	Photographic Group	<p>"Where art helps science". Friday, 28 March 2025 - 10:00am to 12:00pm. ANBG Theatre. Noted.</p>	LB / Phil Green
8.8	Plant Recognition Group	<p>Coming events: 20 March Asteraceae workshop to be led by Alexander Schmidt-Lebuhn. Noted. Council endorses new team arrangements for Plant Recognition Group on shared drive Moved: LB / CR. Carried.</p>	LB/ Julia Newton-Howes
8.9	Plant Science Group	<p>Coming events: Special Talk – 12 May guest speaker Dr Alison Pouliot ecologist and environmental photographer. Bookings are now open on FANBG website. Noted.</p>	LB/ Lesley Harland
8.10	Social Events and Activities	<p>Wake up with the birds events on Sat and Sun 1 and 2 March were both well attended. Noted.</p>	KM (on leave)/ Barbara Podger
8.11	Students' Photographic Competition	<p>Council endorsed new team arrangements for Students Photographic Competition team on shared drive. Moved: LB/CR Carried.</p>	LB/ Julie Hill
8.12	Thursday Talks	<p>The Calendar of Talks for May to August is on shared drive. It will also be placed on the website</p> <p>Council endorses Sharon Abrahams as the new convenor for Thursday Talks Team, on shared drive Moved: LB / RK. Carried.</p>	LB/ Sharon Abrahams
9	Other business		
10	Next meeting	Thursday 10th April 2025 2pm in the Dickson Room.	LB

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	Executive and Council Meetings	First Thursday of the month 2pm Second Thursday of the month 2pm	

The list of attachments to the March Council meeting Agenda were:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft minutes of the February 2025 Council meeting 	Reports not attached and available on shared drive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIG convenors reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindenmayer Bequest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other reports received after 5pm Monday 10th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership system report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Team report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANBG Communications and Education Report from HH.

Linda Beveridge
10 April 2025.