

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.

71 Napoleon Crescent, White Hills. 3550

Date: Tue 18th May 2021

Time: 9.30 am

Location: Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Chairperson: Anne Bridley

Present: Pam Sheean, Anne Bridley, Annie Clark, Judy Milner, Lindy Sloan, Jan Bobin, Kirstie Paterson, Delene Comerford

Apologies: Jan Orr, Kevin Shanahan

Minutes of previous meeting held April 20th 2021

That the minutes of the previous meeting are a true and accurate record:

Moved: Delene Comerford

Seconded: Pam Sheean

Accepted

Business Arising:

1. Further web site progress – It is agreed that it would be good to have a website up and running by the next plant sale in November. To that end, Pam will re contact WordsWorth Communicating, to ask for further information and a formal quote.

2. Botanic Gardens Day activities – on 30th May. Kirstie advised that she will be conducting tours of the gardens at 2 hourly intervals 10am, 12 noon & 2.00pm. The Bird Aviary will also be open on that day. Pam will talk to the Illustrators with a view to them having a display of their work and having members on hand to speak with visitors and for sales of cards etc. Friends to have the nursery open for display and discussions with visitors. Friends to also assist Kirstie with tours as needed. Volunteers required for this day.

3. Model Rules - Anne B – no further advanced.

New Members: Irene McKinna; Leyla Johnson; John & Julie Nielson; Marlene Sullivan

That the Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens accept the above applicants to be a member of the club.

Moved : Delene Comerford

Seconded:Lindy Sloan

Accepted

Reports

1. Correspondence: Pam Sheean

Dates: 17th April to 11th May, 2021

Email

IN	FROM	DETAILS
18.04.21	Donna	Query regarding joining the Illustrators group
20.04.21	Annie Clark	Finance Report March 2021
20.04.21	Jan Bobin	Draft April meeting minutes
20.04.21	Anne Butler	Query regarding joining Illustrators Group
21.04.21	GCA	Biennial Convention flyer
22.04.21	GCA	Insurance invoice
23.04.21	Rose Curnow	Query regarding FBBG Membership
26.04.21	Irene McKinna	Query regarding joining Illustrators Group
27.04.21	Annie Clark	Latest Membership list
30.04.21	Shaun Bayley	Query regarding lavender collection
30.04.21	Judy Milner	Dovyalis ed. 13 for distribution
30.04.21	GCA	April Readings
30.04.21	GCA	Insurance Certificate of Currency
30.04.21	GCA	April Bulletin
01.05.21	AAFBG	e-news May 1 st
01.05.21	Annie Clark	Updated membership list
03.05.21	Judy Milner	Upcoming Chrysanthemum sale poster
03.05.21	Judy Milner	Reply to lavender query
03.05.21	CGB events	Acknowledgement of event registration
03.05.21	BGANZ	Botanic Gardens Day promotion kit
05.05.21	Annie Clark	Further updated membership list
06.05.21	Lois Symes	Suggestion re Facebook events
08.05.21	GCA	Notice regarding Certificate of Insurance
11.05.21	Marlene Sullivan	Thanks & congratulations for Dovyalis edition
11.05.21	Tim Entwisle	Thanks for Dovyalis
OUT	TO	DETAILS
17.04.21	FBBG Committee	FBBG draft April meeting agenda & Correspondence
24.04.21	Donna	Information regarding Illustrators query
24.04.21	Anne Butler	Information regarding Illustrators query
24.04.21	Rose Curnow	Information regarding Friends membership query
24.04.21	Annie Clark	Fwd: GCA Insurance invoice
27.04.21	Irene McKinna	Information regarding Illustrators query
27.04.21	Aaron Lindsay	Best wishes from FBBG
27.04.21	FBBG Members	April Meeting Minutes and News Page
27.04.21	Bgo Copy Centre	April Minutes ready for printing
03.05.21	Judy Milner	Fwd: lavender query
03.05.21	Shaun Bayley	Reply to lavender query
07.05.21	Judy Milner	Fwd: Facebook event suggestion
07.05.21	Lois Symes	Acknowledgement of email received
07.05.21	FBBG Members	Dovyalis edition 13

07.05.21	FBBG Illustrators	Information re parking on Saturday 8 th May
10.05.21	Other Groups	Dovyalis edition 13

POSTAL MAIL

IN	FROM	
Early April	Carrol Hilson	Questions re oldest tree & tallest tree in the Gardens
Magazines	The Gardens	Winter 2021
	Our Gardens	Winter 2021 Issue 89

OUT	TO	
19.04.21	Carrol Hilson	Answer re tree query & tree self-guide enclosed
10.05.21	FBBG Members	FBBG April Meeting Minutes, News Page & Dovyalis

That the correspondence as circulated be accepted:

Moved:	Pam Sheean	Seconded:	Judy Milner	Accepted
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2. **Treasurers Report:** Annie Clark

Opening balance at 1/04/21	\$ 8,703.30
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Receipts

Membership	120.00
Plant sales	4,427.07
Botanical Illustration	00.00
Publications	00.00
Donation/Grant /Walks	39.15
Dovyalis	00.00
Total receipts	\$ 4,586.22

Expenses

Cash withdrawal float for sale	200.00
A.Clark - gift, kitchen supplies	67.34
L.Sloan - Advertiser plant Sale	98.09
D.Debit GCA insurance	150.62
Total Expenses	\$ 578.45

Closing Balance at 30/04/21	\$ 12,711.07 (Illustrator's account \$ 194.38)
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Total Funds at 30/04/21	\$ 12,711.07
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Kirstie has spoken to CoGB regarding the Friends making a contribution towards a Buggy to assist her with tours. She has been advised that it is acceptable, but will be classed as a grant, so need to ensure that any other grants are not compromised.

4. Growing Friends Report: Judy Milner

The recent chrysanthemum sale was very successful, with thanks to members for their assistance on the day. Approx. \$1,200 was raised. Cuttings are starting to show roots and are being potted up. Lots of cuttings being done of cottage perennials and natives from throughout the gardens. There is a good number of members attending for both potting on and weeding, but extras would always be helpful. There should be plenty of stock for the November sale.

5. Botanical Illustrators Report: Pam Sheean

The exhibition at the St Arnaud Railway Hub is going well with several framed works sold as well as many cards etc. The exhibition closes on the 7th June.

Some new works will be taken to Echuca for display at the Custom House Gallery in June. Cards will also be available for sale in Echuca.

A local Motel has a function space available and has offered it to the Illustrators for an exhibition in spring. There would be no commission or charge, but the group would need to staff it. Discussions among the group will happen over the coming months and further information will be made available.

6. Walks and Talks Report: As per Kirstie's report

7. Dovyalis Report: Judy Milner: New edition has been distributed. Attempts will be made to have a copy sent to Aaron Lindsay at his new place of employment.

Need to start thinking of articles for the next edition and encourage members to contribute.

That the reports be accepted:

Moved: Annie Clark

Seconded: Lindy Sloan

Accepted

General Business:

1. Frequency of meetings Put forward by Pam, wondering if it is necessary to have committee meetings every month. As secretary, the job can be quite onerous and with support from Annie, they are asking the committee if it was possible to reduce the number of meetings. All agreed that bi-monthly meetings are acceptable – special meetings can be called at any time if necessary. July is a necessary meeting to coincide with end of financial year, August for our AGM, October for the November Plant Sale and December for end of year. Thus, our next meeting will be in July.

2. Investigation re Debit/Credit card for FBBG account - with the imminent end to Cheque books – it is timely to reinvestigate what banks intend to offer groups such as ours as a replacement. Can a debit card be obtained for use on the account with a limited value for transactions? Anne B expressed concerns as history in general shows that organisations can be vulnerable to potential misuse. Annie & Pam will visit the bank where FBBG account is held to investigate the possibilities and report back to the committee at next meeting.

3. Golf Buggy purchase – Judy. Possible – as per Kirstie’s report

Anne Bridley thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 10:30 am.

Next Meeting : Tues July 20th, 2021 9:30am at the Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanical Gardens