

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.
71 Napoleon Crescent, White Hills. VIC 3550
FBBG Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21st September 2021, Time 9:30 am

Location: Via Zoom

Chairperson: Anne Bridley

Present: Pam Sheean, Anne Bridley, Annie Clark, Lindy Sloan, Jan Bobin, Kirsty Paterson

Apologies: Judy Milner, Delene Comerford, Jan Orr, Kevin Shanahan

Minutes of previous meeting held Tue 20th July, 2021

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

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Pam Sheean Accepted

Business Arising:

1. **Website progress:** Lindy reported that Wordsworth Communicating have applied for our Domain Name and have asked for a higher resolution photo of the logo. Judy is trying to get a suitable photo. If this fails, as Plan 'B' the committee may be asked to approve the slightly different logo that has been used on the Facebook page without ratification by the committee. Lindy is also learning Google Drive with help from Wordsworth to load suitable photos – a few more are needed. Lots of work has been done and thank you all for the input. Great to see progress being made.

2. **Membership:** Annie reports that there are still approximately twenty members that haven't renewed their subscriptions. She will send personal emails to them asking if they wish to continue as members. If there is no response those names will be removed from the list. Currently there are more than sixty memberships that have been renewed.

3. **Guest Speaker for AGM:** Regarding a guest speaker for the approaching AGM; Pam and Anthony Sheean are prepared to give a presentation on their trip to the gardens of France. Because of the current uncertainty regarding restrictions, all agreed that Pam & Anthony's offer would be a good option. But the presentation is probably only possible if we have an "inside" AGM with audio-visual technology available, otherwise it could be quite difficult and other options may have to be sought.

New Members: Lyn Winn - note Lynn was included in our previous minutes.

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Lindy Sloan Accepted

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

Reports:

1. Correspondence: Pam Sheean

Committee Meeting -Tuesday 21.09.2021

Dates: 14th July to 11 Sept, 2021

Email

IN	FROM	DETAILS
15.07.21	AAFBG	e-ucalypt news: ed. 90 /July 15th
16.07.21	Kirstie Paterson	Covid lockdown details
16.07.21	GCA	GCA 2021 Convention update
20.07.21	Annie Clark	Finance Report May/June 2021
20.07.21	Jan Bobin	Draft Meeting Minutes
20.07.21	EVT	Volunteering survey
24.07.21	Fiona Kilpatrick	Gardens query – re screen mesh used
26.07.21	Judy Milner	Facebook query from Friends of Malmsbury Gardens
27.07.21	FBBG Members	June-July Committee Meeting Minutes & News Page
28.07.21	Kirstie Paterson	fwd reply to garden query
28.07.21	Kirstie Paterson	fwd joining Friends inquiry
01.08.21	AAFBG	e-ucalypt news: ed. 91 / August 1 st
05.08.21	WordsWorth	Confirmation of quote acceptance
06.08.21	GCA	Garden Club calendar order details
09.08.21	GCA	AGM notification changes
12.08.21	Lindy Sloan	Feedback & thoughts re website project
16.08.21	AAFBG	AAFBG Survey
16.08.21	WordsWorth	Website project Invoice
17.08.21	Annie Clark	Latest Membership details
18.08.21	AAFBG	e-ucalypt news: ed. 92 / August 18 th
20.08.21	Kirstie Paterson	Return to Gardens by Illustrators
20.08.21	Lindy Sloan	Set up of website project sub group the Web-sters
22.08.21	Web-sters	Purpose and plans for proposed Zoom meeting
28.08.21	AAFBG	Speakers needed for 2022 Conference
29.08.21	Web-sters	Feedback re look of website
31.08.21	Web-sters	Follow up from zoom meeting
01.09.21	AAFBG	e-ucalypt news: ed.93 / Sept 1 st
02.08.21	GCA	August Bulletin
04.09.21	Web-sters	Updated home page content for review
08.09.21	Judy Milner	Information re use of logo
09.09.21	GCA	Insurance 2022 renewal notification
09.09.21	WordsWorth	Update re domain name purchase
10.09.21	Webs-sters	Draft home page and contents
OUT	TO	DETAILS
13.07.21	FBBG Committee	FBBG draft June-July meeting agenda & Correspondence Report
16.07.21	FBBG Members	Zoom link for FBBG Committee Meeting
16.07.21	FBBG Committee	Covid lockdown details
23.07.21	Judy Milner	Fwd Environmental Volunteering survey
27.07.21	Kirstie Paterson	Fwd Garden enquiry re wire mesh
27.07.21	Friends Malmsbury	Reply to facebook query re MOUs

the council events will be moved to the GFTF this year as it can be closed off easily, so lots of events to come.

Central Hub: most of the excess soil has been removed from site & pipes are going in. Next will be the foundation piles. Plants have been ordered from local nurseries to keep with the plans to have local indigenous plants. Still working through the water plants as they are concentrating on Bendigo region water plants. Kirsty is being helped by the local teams so the finished design will hopefully have the sounds of local Frogs and wildlife.

Lavenders: there has been a mass propagation of the lavenders happening for future sales. They have been using the Council propagation facility with success. Apart from plants for sales, they are working towards a replant/revamp of the Lavender display.

Garden Tours: Kirsty advises that she has some bookings for October from local groups, but as groups will probably be restricted to ten people, she will contact the friends for assistance when needed. New guides are needed - Pam advises that Anthony is interested in becoming a guide and Anne Bridley contacted another potential new member who indicated an interest. Kirsty advises they will need to be members of the FBBG for insurance purposes etc.

4. Growing Friends Report: In Judy Milner's absence, Annie reported that a small number are working on Tuesdays. Judy & Jan have been attending on Saturday mornings for plant sales, from 10am to 12.00 noon and would like to organize a roster to assist, as just two people are allowed on site at any one time and extra helpers needed.

5. Botanical Illustrators Report: Pam Sheean – The illustrators are still not able to meet on site at the moment. The proposed exhibition at a local Motel has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

6. Walks and Talks Report: as per Kirsty's report.

7. Dovyalis Report: Nothing to report – the next edition is due in Spring. Keep in mind that articles are always required for the next edition.

That the reports be accepted:

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Pam Sheean Accepted

General Business:

- 1. Planning for AGM:** Anne Bridley has drafted a Special Resolution for the Rules of Association to be updated. This needs to be organised in the next couple of weeks so that it can be included on the agenda and circulated 21 days before the AGM.

Needs to include: Name of organization; Statement of Purpose; Financial Year; Office Bearers – to have a 2-year term; Committee Members – currently shown as 1-year term – all agreed that 2-year term would be preferable.

Pam will set up a quick Zoom meeting for next Tuesday 28th to finalise this.

2. Membership Fee structure: Pam suggested that after researching other Friends groups membership structures, that we could maybe make some changes or additions i.e. Household memberships. There will be more discussion and a motion prepared if necessary for the AGM.

3. Plant Sale: Annie proposed 2nd Saturday of November -(6th). There will be further planning and confirmation of the date at the October meeting.

Anne Bridley thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tues 19th October at 9:30 am at the Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanical Gardens or via Zoom.