

**Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.  
71 Napoleon Crescent, White Hills. VIC 3550**

**Minutes of Special Committee Meeting**

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - 9:30 am

Via Zoom

Present: Anne Bridley, Annie Clark, Pam Sheean, Jan Bobin, Judy Milner, Lindy Sloan

Purpose of the meeting was to approve the following:

Notice of Special Resolution for AGM of Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc 9/11/2021

We have found that we are unable to obtain a printed copy of our current Rules of Association. It is therefore proposed that an updated copy of our rules of association is obtained by adapting the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association available from Consumer Affairs and resubmitting this version.

To summarise, the changes below from the model rules are:

- The term of our committee members is two years.
- To deal with the realities of COVID19, a leave of absence may be granted for up to 6 months.
- The quorum for committee meetings is 50% of committee members.
- The Name and Statement of Purpose is the same as was adopted by the Friends in 2012.

**The Special Resolution is as follows:**

“That the Rules of Incorporation for the Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc. include the following:

1. **Name:** The name of the incorporated association is “ Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.”
2. **Purposes:**

The Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc. is a community group that aims to:

1. Advocate for the promotion, development and restoration of Bendigo’s historic public gardens.
2. Work with the City of Greater Bendigo in the implementation of the Master Plans for Bendigo’s historic public gardens.
3. Promote the importance of horticultural and botanical knowledge to the community.
4. Raise money for City Council approved projects to enhance the gardens.
5. Promote the importance of Bendigo’s historic gardens through wide networks of local, regional and interstate botanical garden groups.
6. Create and maintain community interest in Bendigo’s Botanic Gardens with educational activities such as:

Horticulture through plant propagation and garden maintenance  
Botany through botanical illustration

