

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.

71 Napoleon Crescent, White Hills 3550

Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 Time 11:30 am

Location : Samuel Gadd Centre.

Present: Pam Sheean, Jan Bobin, Judy Milner, Lyn Winn, Lindy Sloan, Deb Degenhardt, Joy Clusker, Mandy Scott, Helen Musk, Kirstie Paterson, Anne Aston

Apologies: Annie Clark

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

Moved: Joy Clusker Seconded: Helen Musk

Welcome to Karina McIntyre – Kerina is the Coordinator Heritage Gardens and Amenity Landscapes for the City of Greater Bendigo. Kerina gave us a talk on her extensive history before coming to the role and an outline of how she intends to support Kirstie in her role at the gardens into the future, which of course includes her association with the Friends. We look forward to a much-improved working relationship with the City in the future with Kerina's involvement. More in Kirstie's report.

Business Arising:

- 1. APS Flower Show:** Pam has registered for our stall at the show on 28th & 29th September. It was decided to set up the same as last year using our A Frame, Flag and signage and the display boards we have. Illustrators works will be displayed unframed. A tray of suitable plants to be used as a display will be donated to the raffle at the end of the show. Helen will arrange to have more 'Guided walks' pamphlets printed as the last printing has been taken to the Bendigo Information centre Some of the Botanic Gardens history booklets. Tree guide pamphlets and Membership forms will also be displayed. Pam to send out an email to request helpers for set up and manning of the stall over the weekend and will draw up a roster.
- 2. Response to Council re non funding of alterations to Samuel Gadd.** – Judy has drawn up a letter to council expressing our disappointment at not receiving the funding in the current budget. Modifications to the letter will request that there be a staged development beginning with renovations to the Samuel Gadd centre. This would be prior to or part of a future budget allocation. The letter will be emailed to all councillors. Judy to review the application for funding for the following budget year 2025/6.
- 3. Sculpture show/donation:** Judy has spoken to Kirstie who has advised that any sculpture exhibition as part of 25th anniversary would need approval. Further discussions deferred until next meeting.
- 4. 25th Anniversary in 2025:** Deferred until next meeting.
- 5. AGM Planning** – To be held at the Samuel Gadd centre on Tuesday 15th October. Anne Aston has agreed to be Guest Speaker. Judy/Helen will send invitations to all councillors. Notices need to be sent out to the members etc. within 21 days of meeting. Committee Members to bring a plate for afternoon tea. Committee Executive positions: Pam is willing to continue as President for another year, as is Judy as Secretary with assistance continuing from Helen. Jan is happy to continue as Treasurer. Annie Clark wishes to stand down from the committee and therefore Vice president. Mandy is happy to consider Vice President. Lindy Sloan has agreed to be Minute Secretary with Lyn Winn to fill in as needed. Any members are welcome to join the committee to assist with our continuing work.

New Members: Valentina Grikova & Jill Pemberton

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

Moved: Deb Degenhardt Seconded: Lyn Winn Accepted

Reports:

1. Correspondence: Helen Musk & Judy Milner
FROM

12.07.24	BGANZ	The Botanic Gardener
17.07.24	Deb Degenhardt	Apology
17.07.24	RBG Friends	English Gardens, on line talk
17.07.24	Michelle Wyatt	Re: Managed Growth Strategy
17.07.24	Judy Milner	Re: Guided Walk Flyer
18.07.24	Anne Aston	Re: Guided Walk Flyer
18.07.24	Jan Bobin	Meeting Minutes
18.07.24	Meg Alon	Botanical Illustrators
18.07.24	Botanic Gardens Con	Cultivate #130
19.07.24	BGANZ	BGANZ Membership
22.07.24	Bendigo Copy Centre	Re: Flyers
22.07.24	Pam Sheean	Amended Minutes
24.07.24	Jareth Richardson	Omari Reopening
25.07.24	Bendigo Copy Centre	Flyers ready
26.07.24	BGANZ	NSW/ACT Meeting
27.07.24	Colby from AAFBG	Attendee list
27.07.24	Anne Aston	Re: Omari Opening
27.07.24	Lindy Sloan	Re: Omari Opening
27.07.24	Olivia Wong	AAFBG Biennial Conference Attendee List
27.07.24	Judy Milner	Reply to Jareth
27.07.24	Jan Bobin	Re: Omari Opening
28.07.24	Judy Milner	Budget re Council
28.07.24	Judy Milner	Draft reply to Budget
29.07.24	DEECA	July Newsletter
29.07.24	Jareth Richardson	Re: Thank you
29.07.24	Judy Milner	Wrong email sent previously
30.07.24	Bot Gardens	Conservation 8 th Global Congress
30.07.24	Annie Clark	Latest Membership
31.07.24	GCA	GCA Notice of AGM 2024
02.08.24	Aust Gardens Hist Soc	Book News
02.08.24	BGANZ	Launch of Living Collections tool Kit
06.07.24	Omari	Updates
07.08.24	Aust Gardens Hist Soc	Project Activity
07.08.24	Karen Roney	G mail
08.08.24	Judy Milner	Invitation to committee meeting
09.08.24	BGANZ	Launch of Tool Kit
12.08.24	Kerina McIntyre	Re Invitation to Committee Meeting
12.08.24	Angair	Angair Wildflower and Arts Weekend
14.08.24	Annie Clark	latest Membership
16.08.24	Aust Garden Hist	Book News
16.08.24	BGANZ	member survey
16.08.24	Hanna Morton	Star Cinema Fundraising dates
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12.07.24	Pam Sheean	Draft Agenda
12.07.24	FBBG Committee	Meeting Notice and Draft Agenda
14.07.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Botanic Gardener

17.07.24	Judy Milner, Anne Aston	Guided Walk Flyer
21.07.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Cultivate #130
21.07.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: English Gardens talk
22.07.24	Bendigo Copy Centre	Flyers please
24.07.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Omari Reopening
24.07.24	Pam Sheean	Insurance Certificate
25.07.24	FBBG Members	Minutes of July Committee Meeting
28.07.24	Pam & Judy	Fwd: addresses from GCA
28.07.24	Pam & Judy	Fwd: It's time for volunteer survey
28.07.24	Pam & Judy	Fwd: AAFBG Biennial Conference
28.07.24	Judy	Response to Council draft
28.07.24	Jareth Richardson	Thank You!
04.08.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Thank you!
04.08.24	Annie Clark	Re: Latest Membership
04.08.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Book News
04.08.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: Launch of Living Collections Tool Kit
04.08.24	FBBG Committee	Fwd: GCA Notice of AGM
04.08.24	Colby Ramirez	Re: Addresses of GCA attendees
09.08.24	K McIntyre	Invitation to FBBG Meeting

Letter to Ian Cross from Jan Bobin (Treasurer) re details of Bank Account

That the correspondence as circulated be accepted:

Moved: Joy Clusker Seconded: Jan Bobin Accepted

2. Treasurers Report: Jan Bobin

FBBG Finance report for period 1/7/24-31/7/2024

Opening Balance **\$ 18,105.59**

Income :

Plant Sales	\$ 781.00
Membership	\$ 585.00
Illustrators Paper	\$ 24.00
Donations	\$ 10.00
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	\$ 1,400.00

Expenses:

Materials - Coir mix	\$ 607.92
Admin - Printing, Tyro repair,	\$ 284.50
Admin : Bank Charges (Tyro	
Fees)July	\$ 7.07
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	\$ 899.49

Closing Balance Bank working account

\$ 18,606.10

Term Deposit No 1 - due 2/12/24 \$ 10,551.05

Term Deposit No. 2 - due 6/12/24 \$ 10,000.00

Total Balance at Bank	<hr/>	\$ 39,157.15
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Illustrators Account \$ 304.88

That the Treasurers report be accepted:

Moved: Jan Bobin Seconded: Helen Musk Accepted

Accounts to Pay:

Bendigo Bank - Tyro fees July	\$ 6.56
Bush's Produce - Vermiculite	\$ 67.00
Bendigo Copy centre - printing	\$ 90.05
	<u>\$ 163.61</u>

That the accounts for payment be accepted

Moved: Jan Bobin Seconded: Judy Milner Accepted

3. Gardens Staff Report: Kirsty Patterson: Some of the topics discussed with Kerina McIntyre include working towards more education for the gardens; Working on planning of the gardens and advocating for improvement; Future communication with Council will go through Kerina who will assist with the “Red Tape” involved with any changes – the removal of the Aviary is a prime example of how it impacts – signage is still not complete due to the involvement of Heritage Victoria. Ongoing discussions regarding the Swimming Pool removal is also dependent on HV. A replacement program is being implemented for the heritage trees ensuring continuation of species when any require removal or are lost – the trees being part of the Council’s Street planting scheme. Repairs to the Promenade path from the entrance arch to the lavender bed is included in this year’s budget.

Labelling machine has been ordered – the deposit will be paid by Council with an invoice prepared for the FBBG contribution to be sent shortly. A “labelling team” will be set up between Kirstie and the friends to assist with the labelling of the plants in the gardens.

Forward planning for the gardens includes the Lagoon – Kirstie has enlisted the assistance of the water experts within the council for this.

Kirstie with Kerina will always be advocating for the **Botanic** gardens to ensure the master plan adopted is adhered to.

4. Growing Friends Report: Judy Milner: Our new member Debbie Spencer-Jones due to her other work/study commitments is keen to contribute every Saturday so Judy will rearrange the roster to have just 1 other member & an emergency. Judy is keen to have the Plant Sales signs redone to reflect our regular Tuesday & Saturday sales – all agreed for Judy to go ahead and contact Signarama for this purpose. A big thank you to Lindy and Mandy for their ongoing work – Lindy in charge of Plant labelling & Mandy with running the gardening team. Our hot house is filled with cuttings – just waiting for them to grow! Sales are still a bit sluggish while the weather remains changeable.

5. Botanical Illustrators Report: Pam Sheean – the group is working on their works for the NPS in September and they are waiting for Don Leversha to organize an exhibition at the old Court House in Eaglehawk. The only current outlet for works is at the NPS.

6. Walks and Talks Report: Anne Aston – what is the planned date for restarting Saturday Garden tours?

Moved: Judy Milner Seconded: Helen Musk Accepted

that the guiding group organise the tours recommencement and further education sessions for guides.

Anne suggested that in early summer a request could be put in newspaper and social media for interested people.

7. **Dovyalis Report:** Judy Milner has a great article from Joy Clusker for the next edition – more articles required by end of September. Anyone with anything interesting – please feel free to send it through.

8. **Website activity:** deferred until next meeting

That the reports be accepted:

Moved: Lyn Winn Seconded: Helen Musk Accepted

General Business:

No further business

Pam Sheean thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 1:15 pm.

**Next Meeting : AGM Tuesday 15th October, 2024 at the Samuel Gadd Centre,
Bendigo Botanical Gardens – ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**