

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.
FBBG Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21st December 2021 **Time:** 11:30 am

Location: Samuel Gadd Centre, Nursery, Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Present: Anne Bridley (Chairperson), Pam Sheean, Annie Clark, Delene Comerford, Judy Milner, Lindy Sloan, Jan Bobin, Gerry Cox, Kirstie Paterson

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday November 16th 2021.

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

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Lindy Sloan Accepted

Business Arising:

1. Eftpos purchase – see General Business

New Members: Carlene Tyler – joined via the website

Moved: Jan Bobin Seconded: Delene Comerford Accepted

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

Reports:

1. **Correspondence Report:** Pam Sheean

Dates: 10 Nov. 21 to 14 Dec. 21

Email

IN	FROM	DETAILS
12.11.21	Jennifer Read	Request for club talk
12.11.21	GCA	Project Weedsan
13.11.21	J Pike	Vaccination Certificate
15.11.21	GCA	Completion of forms reminder
15.11.21	Annie Clark	October Finance Report
15.11.21	Jan Bobin	Draft AGM Minutes 9.11.21
17.11.21	AAFBG	e-news 16 November
17.11.21	Annie Clark	Latest FBBG Membership
19.11.21	Jan Bobin	Amended AGM Minutes & draft November minutes
22.11.21	Adel Urie	Completion of Google postcard for website
22.11.21	FBBG Members	November Meeting Minutes & News Page
23.11.21	Bgo Copy Centre	November Minutes for printing
24.11.21	AAFBG	2022 Conference Pack

24.11.21	Pam Sheean	fwd- DCA Annual Statement & Tax Invoice
25.11.21	Rose Curnow	Garden Group Tour request
26.11.21	FBBG Members	AGM Minutes
27.11.21	Jennifer Read	Talk request follow up
29.11.21	Friends RBGV	Notice of book & plant sale @ Melb Royal Botanic Gardens
01.12.21	BGANZ	The BOTANIC GARDENER magazine issue 57
01.12.21	AAFBG	e-news 1 December
02.12.21	Annie Clark	Bendigo Bank eftpos information
07.12.21	Carlene Tyler	New member request
08.12.21	GCA	December 2021 Bulletin
09.12.21	AAFBG	AAFBG Tasmanian Botanical Tour details
12.12.21	Anne Aston	Membership enquiry

OUT TO DETAILS

12.11.21	FBBG Committee	November meeting agenda & previous Minutes
12.11.21	Adel Urie	fwd from Lindy re Committee feedback on the website
12.11.21	Annie Clark	WordsWorth Communicating Tax invoice
22.11.21	Adel Urie	Google postcard code for website
22.11.21	FBBG Members	November Meeting Minutes & News page
22.11.21	Bgo Copy centre	November Minutes for printing
24.11.21	FBBG Committee	fwd-Request for talk
24.11.21	Annie Clark	Details of new member
24.11.21	Bgo Copy Centre	Certificates for printing
26.11.21	Annie Clark	DCA Tax Invoice
26.11.21	Rose Curnow	Garden tour discussion & details
26.11.21	Jennifer Read	Committee feedback regarding talk request
26.11.21	FBBG Members	Annual General Meeting Minutes
30.11.21	FBBG Members	fwd- Melbourne Friends plant & Book sale
30.11.21	FBBG Members	fwd-AAFBG 2022 Conference pack
01.12.21	Judy Milner	Proposed walk details
03.12.21	FBBG Members	fwd- AAFBG e-news 1 December
14.12.21	Annie Clark	New member application from website

POSTAL MAIL

IN	FROM	
Dec	Magazines	Eucalypt No 57 November 2021

OUT	TO	
25.11.21	FBBG Members with no email	Nov Meeting Minutes & News Page
02.12.21	Jane, Eric & Lyn	Invitations to FBBG Xmas lunch

That the correspondence as circulated be accepted:

Moved: Pam Sheean Seconded: Delene Comerford Accepted

3. Gardens Staff Report: Kirstie Paterson

Kirsty reported that the gardens are very busy at this time with Christmas celebrations, family groups etc. and a wedding scheduled for 23/12.

Annuals plantings have been completed – leftovers will be put on a trolley at the front of Sam Gadd centre for giveaway. Annie was concerned about extra stock coming from the Council Nursery especially when we are closed for sales over the next couple of weeks for Christmas. Kirsty advised that due to a change of staff at the Council Nursery and new Urban Forester, there has been a “clean out” of excess stock at the Nursery coming to the Friends’ Nursery. Council’s preferred option is for the Friends to sell the stock, which is appreciated; 2nd option is for the large trees that were unable to be sold to be taken to the Aviary for the birds; and the 3rd and least preferred option is for the remainder going to green waste. This situation is unlikely to continue beyond Christmas.

The watering system has been faltering and thanks to Kirsty for fixing the problem. Thanks also to the staff as the watering will be monitored by Kirsty and staff during the Christmas Break.

The Manager of Parks & Open Space; Chris Mitchell will attend our February Meeting.

4. Growing Friends Report: Judy Milner

We will be continuing our Saturday sales from the 8th January – the roster is working well and will be redistributed to members – some of the excess stock should be able to be moved on at this time. Thanks to Lindy for the sorting out of the store room etc. and special thanks to everyone for their help during the year.

5. Botanical Illustrators Report: Pam Sheean

There has not been a large attendance due to Covid. The group will be restarting on Saturday 8th January – hopeful for a return of members including new ones.

6. Walks and Talks Report

Anne Bridley and Judy recently took a group from Spring Gully Retirement Village for a tour (Dec 9th) and they were very interested and knowledgeable. There has been further contact with the Castlemaine Gardening Group following up their request for some members to talk to the group at their Tuesday evening meeting during May 2022. That would be followed up by a tour on the following day (Wednesday 25th May). Judy would be interested with help from other members. Jan Bobin offered to drive. Anthony Sheean helped Kirsty with the recent Lake Bolac P.S. tour, with Gerry Cox taking the children through the Aviary.

7. **Dovyalis Report:** Judy Milner

Looking for items for the next edition. Suggestions include an article on Palms; another English Garden tour from Pam. Members are encouraged to include any “snippets” of interest they may have. Maybe a report on the Website could be included next year, high lighting promotions and events and using website analytics to report on activities. Pam & Lindy will investigate the implementation of this.

That the reports be accepted:

Moved: Annie Clark

Seconded: Lindy Sloan

Accepted

General Business:

1. Growing Friends arrangements over Christmas – previously covered. Return on Saturday 8th January for Sales.

2. Model Rules amendment process: We should be able to get a free copy on line via our account from the Consumer affairs but ours is unavailable for some reason.

Motion: That we lodge a request for a copy of our Associated Rules from the Department of Consumer affairs – the cost being \$45.10.

Moved : Pam Sheean

Seconded: Annie Clark

All agreed – Accepted.

This will be followed up with the recent amendment being made and finalised.

3. Eftpos Machine: Annie has contacted the bank to be advised that as a voluntary not for profit organisation we are entitled to a machine free of charge. 1.8% will be charged on transactions through the machine.

It was agreed that Annie & Pam complete the necessary paperwork following the meeting to organize the acquisition of the Bendigo Bank eftpos machine.

No further business.

Anne Bridley thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 12:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Tues 15th February, outside the Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanic Gardens at 11:30 am