

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.

Annual General Meeting

09.02. 2021

Meeting at the Pavilion, Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills - commencing 9:30 am

Chair: Anne Bridley

Present (from circulated attendance sheet): Anne Bridley, Annie Clark, Helen Gardam, Anne McKarney, Delene Comerford, Lindy Sloan, Judie O'Donnell, Jeanette Clark, Lorraine Castles, Audrey Baillie, Margaret Kane, Bill Holsworth, Carol Holsworth, Kevin Shanahan, Judy Milner, Eric Wilkinson, Jan Bobin, Gerry Cox, Kirstie Paterson

Apologies: Joan Sullivan, Lyn Hamilton, Don Leversha, Pam Sheean, Jan & Rod Orr

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous Annual and General Meeting held 27.8.2019 have been circulated and are accepted

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Delene Comerford Carried

Treasurer's Report - Annie Clark, Treasurer- (circulated prior to the meeting)

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Margaret Kane Carried

Confirmation of fees

Motion: That the annual membership fee be \$15.00, due July 2021

Moved: Annie Clark Seconded: Delene Comerford Carried

President's Report – Anne Bridley, President – (circulated prior to the meeting)

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Delene Comerford Seconded: Anne McKarney Carried

Tabling of any other reports.

Kirstie Patterson reported: The Friends will be accepted back into the gardens from March – (decided that it will be from 1st Tuesday). There will be a limit to the numbers permitted due to COVID restrictions – Capped at 5 Members in the Growing Group and 5 members in the Gardeners group. QR codes or handwritten record of attendees will be required.

Bookings for areas within the gardens are "out of control".

All "Summer in the parks" Council program activities have been moved to GFTF. Some Easter events will also be moved to GFTF. This is due to the fact that it is the only fenced/gated public area that numbers can be controlled.

As a result of COVID restrictions, usage of the GFTF has increased by 300%!

Please note that our AGM is normally scheduled for August of each year and the FBBG executive elected on 7.8.2018 run for a 2-year term. However, due to Covid -19 restrictions in 2020, an extension of time was granted until February 2021. Therefore: All executive positions declared vacant and nominations for the adjusted time period of February 2021 until our AGM in 2022 are called for.

1. President

Nominee: Anne Bridley

Nominator: Delene Comerford

Seconded: Pam Sheean

No other nominations received – Anne Bridley elected as President

2. Vice President

Nominee: Delene Comerford

Nominator: Annie Clark

Seconded: Pam Sheean

No other nominations received – Delene Comerford elected as Vice President

3. Secretary

Nominee: Pam Sheean

Nominator: Lindy Sloan

Seconded: Anne Bridley

No other nominations received - Pam Sheean elected as Secretary

4. Treasurer

Nominee: Annie Clark

Nominator: Delene Comerford

Seconded: Pam Sheean

No other nominations received – Annie Clark elected as Treasurer

New president takes the chair and calls for nominations for committee members for the next 2 years. Retiring members of the committee are: Eric Wilkinson, Lyn Hamilton and Jane Cleary

Committee Members

Nominated: Jan Bobin, Kevin Shanahan, Judy Milner, Lindy Sloan, Jan Orr

Moved: Margaret Kane that the committee for February 2021 – AGM 2022 be accepted

Seconded: Jeanette Clark

Carried

Meeting Closed at 10:00am.

A Special Presentation following the meeting was by Aaron Lindsay, Coordinator Public Space Design at the City of Greater Bendigo. He presented a very comprehensive overview of the progress on the Central Hub Project which has received multiple grants to assist with construction.