



Friends of  
Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens Inc.  
**Annual General Meeting**

20.09. 2022

Meeting at the Samuel Gadd Centre, Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills - commencing 2:00pm

MINUTES

**Chair:** Delene Commerford our Vice-President, stood in for Anne Bridley who was an apology

**Present:** (from circulated attendance sheet) -Audrey Baillie, Joan Sullivan, Jane Cleary, Lyn Hamilton, Eric Wilkinson, Deb Degenhardt, Lyn Winn, Gerry Cox, Jeanette Clark, Margaret Kane, Don Leversha, Sue Malley, Jan Bayliss, Kevin Shanahan, Lindy Sloan, Helen Gardham, Anthony Sheean , Kirstie Paterson, Judy Milner, Beverley Ormerod, Ann Aston, Jan Bobin, Pam Sheean, Delene Commerford

**Apologies:** Anne Bridley, Helen & Frank Musk, Carlene & Eric Tyler, Annie Clark

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 9.11.2021 was circulated prior to the meeting and accepted.

Moved: Jane Cleary                      Seconded: Lyn Hamilton                      Carried

**Treasurers Report:** Annie Clark /Jan Bobin, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/07/2021 - 30/06/2022

Opening Balance	\$ 14,346.72
<b>Receipts/Income</b>	
Plant Sales	\$ 14,721.15
Membership	\$ 745.00
Botanical Illustration Group	
Donations & Grants	\$ 165.00
Guided Walks	\$ 345.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,006.15</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Plant and Tool Purchases	\$ 1,480.97
Administration Costs	\$ 2,822.44
Botanical Illustrators Group	\$ 255.00
Bank Charges - TYRO fees	\$ 54.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,612.69</b>
Credit Balance	\$ 25,740.18



**Nominations were then called for committee members for the next 12 months:**

**1: Deb Degenhardt**

Nominated: Annie Clark                      Seconded: Judy Milner

**2: Ann Aston**

Nominated: Pam Sheehan                      Seconded: Judy Milner

**3: Gerry Cox**

Nominated: Kirstie Paterson                      Seconded: Delene Comerford

**4: Lyn Winn**

Nominated: Delene Comerford                      Seconded: Jane Cleary

**5: Lindy Sloan**

Nominated: Pam Sheehan                      Seconded: Jane Cleary

**6: Annie Clark**

Nominated: Kirstie Paterson                      Seconded: Pam Sheehan

All nominees accepted and carried.

**Delene Commerford returned to the chair and conducted the remaining General Business**

Margaret Kane introduced herself to the group as one of the original members. Margaret would especially like to thank Anne Bridley the retiring president and some of the original Friends: Jane Cleary, Judy Milner and Annie Clark for their wonderful contribution to the Friends over the years. A round of applause was heard from the group.

A motion was put forward by Judy Milner and seconded by Gerry Cox, requesting that Jan and Rod Orr be made Life members of the group in appreciation of their contribution and support to the group since the establishment of the Friends.

All in favour – Carried.

Jane Cleary addressed the members. Jane has some photos of the early gardens and some of the significant trees that are in the gardens for anyone interested. Jane also encouraged members to join the committee as it can be very rewarding being part of the organisation of the group.

With no further business, **Delene declared the meeting closed at 2:25pm** and encouraged all present to partake in afternoon tea and listen to our guest speaker.

Dr. Mark Hall is Senior Biodiversity Officer at the City of Greater Bendigo. Mark is currently working on the CGB Biodiversity Strategy and encouraged us all to provide feedback. How to contribute to the strategy and notes from his presentation on landscape ecology and the vital role pollinators play, will be made available on our website.