



Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Inc.

31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, 5 May 2023

**Location: Mueller Hall, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne Gardens
Draft Minutes**

1. Welcome and introductions

Linda Beveridge opened the meeting at 11.03am and welcomed members.

2. Apologies

Dr Philip Moors AO, Dr Judy West AO, Professor Tim Entwisle, Joan Garner OA (Inaugural AAFBG President), Chris Onsley, President Friends Kings Park BG WA, Roger Permezel, President Friends Buninyong BG, Friends Orange BG NSW, Friends Pangarinda BG, SA, Terry O'Brien, Friends of Ballarat BG, Friends of Wollongong BG, John Zwar, President, Friends of Arid Lands BG, Port Augusta, Friends of Burrendong Arboretum, Friends of North Coast BG, John Hawker, Ann Rawson, Lynsey Poore, Ahmed Rashedi.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting on 1 May 2022, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden were confirmed

4. Annual Reports

President's Report - The President's Annual Report for 2022-23 was presented

Secretary's Report - The Secretary's Report for 2022-23 was presented

Treasurers' Report - The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 were presented and the amount of the annual subscription for the following financial year and the date for payment were confirmed .

5. Patron

Linda Beveridge thanked our retiring Patron, Dr Philip Moors AO and announced that Dr Judy West AO has accepted the role of Patron.

6. Nominations for Committee of Management for 2023-24 were:

President: Linda Beveridge Friends ANBG ACT

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Bob Ducrou, Friends Maroochy QLD

Jill Brownlee, Friends Noosa QLD

Elizabeth Gilfillan, Friends Buninyong VIC
Lynsey Poore Friends Melbourne VIC
Merrill Shulkes. Friends Ballarat VIC
Gil Simons, Friends Adelaide SA

The number of nominations received was within the Rules of the Association and there was no need to conduct a ballot. All nominations were confirmed and declared as members of the Management Committee for the 2023-2024 year.

7. BGANZ

Hayley Allen of BGANZ and Linda Beveridge said they hoped to have a Memorandum of Understanding with BGANZ and AAFBG in the coming year.

8. Handbury Awards

Handbury Awards were presented to:

Category One for Individual Contributions:

Gwen & Rodger Elliot, Cranbourne Friends of RBGV

Del Van Mielo, Cairns Friends

Category Two for Group Contributions

RBG Cranbourne Growing Friends

Friends of Sale BG

Friends of Southern Highlands BG

9. Meeting close

Linda Beveridge thanked the Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne Gardens for hosting the AGM and 30 Year Celebration and for providing morning tea and guided walks.

The next AGM to be held at Friends of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens, Tanawha, Qld on 25 August 2024.

Meeting closed at 12.06pm.