

Press Release

Congratulations to the new FBBGSA Board of Directors 2018-19.

The Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum is pleased to announce the results of this year's election at the AGM of September 4th 2018. The board members bring an enviable cache of leadership and expertise, with strong industry links, to the table. They will enable The Friends to continue to meet our objectives and build on our work to support the gardens and the community.

The following members have been elected to serve as Directors for 2018- 2019, starting immediately.

In alphabetical order:

Phillipa Beeson

Phillipa has an extensive background in education both in Australia and Hong Kong. Phillipa takes up the role in a casual capacity and is keen to support the Board Directors to achieve the aims of the Friends and achieve the planned project outcomes .

Sidonie Carpenter - Landscape Architect & Horticulturist.

Sidonie brings to the board a wealth of industry experience with specialisations in Green Roof & Wall, Design & Specification & Education over a 30 year period.

Sidonie has been gardening since she took her first steps. Her mother ran a nursery and one of her earliest memories is of being perched on a milk crate beside an old Greek man potting plants. She loves getting her hands dirty and uses her own garden as a tool for research and development and trialling new ideas.

Sidonie supports the board by providing a wealth of experience in the landscape industry and promotion of horticultural projects here and abroad. She has been actively involved in a number of not-for-profit organisations related to the horticulture and landscape industries holding a number of committee positions.

Annette Irish Fellow Australian Institute of Horticulture, Registered Horticulturist (RH08)

Annette has been a practising horticulturist and teacher for over 4 decades. She loves working with soil, enhancing soil fauna and collecting unusual plants, tropical species and orchids.

From March 2006 to April 2017 her company worked with the Singapore Government developing and teaching the Certified Practising Horticulturist Programme for the horticulture/landscape industry.

Annette was conferred as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Horticulture in 2000. In 2017 she was awarded the 'President's Commendation for High Achievement' for her work within the horticulture industry.

Annette has held the position of Vice Chair since 2016. Her aims have been to focus on establishing sound business, IT & management practices. Moving forward she wishes to concentrate on marrying our web-based communication & management system with educational programmes.

Arno King GDLA MUP FAIH RH

Arno is a Registered Landscape Architect and Registered Horticulturist with more than 30 years of experience in landscape design, horticulture, urban design and visual assessment.

A prolific writer, his articles are featured in blogs, many specialist journals and popular magazines. Arno has a special interest in planting design, incorporating appropriate vegetation to enhance our urban spaces.

He is committed to professional education and to mentoring novice practitioners.

Arno is a founding Director of the new Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum and has held the position of Director for Events Management since 2017.

Dr Jeannie Sim BDesSt, BArch, GradDipLandArch, MA (Conservation Studies), PhD.

Dr Jeannie Sim is a garden historian and landscape architect. She was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Design (1997-2016) until her retirement.

Her passions include researching warm climate garden history (especially Queensland) and the conservation of historic landscapes.

The 2000 doctoral thesis revealed 'Tropicalian' garden design history. Reference to her work has been featured in various publications, including the well-respected Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens, ed. R. Aitken and M. Looker (2001).

Jeannie's heritage consultancies have focused on conservation management plans and reviews for the Old Brisbane Botanic Gardens and The Government House Grounds, Paddington.

Jeannie is a founding Director of the Friends and a founding member of the Lord Mayor's Advisory Committee on Parks and Botanic Gardens. She has held the position of Secretary FBBGSA since 2015.

John Taylor John's background as a forester has enabled him to immerse himself in the management of natural resources both in Victoria and Queensland. In the world of horticulture his journey has been varied and interesting.

He managed the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne and also as Director of Parks and Gardens for the Brisbane City Council.

John had the enviable role of managing the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and was until recently National Chair of the Australian Garden History Society.

He now works as a consultant.

John has held the position of Treasurer of FBBGSA since 2015.

Thank you to outgoing Directors

We would also like to thank the following Directors who are leaving the Board for their commitment and service for the year 2017 -2018 - Julie Lumsdale, retiring Chair and Sue Ogilvie.

Contact us:

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