



MINUTES of Annual General Meeting 2020
Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum
Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 6pm
Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

STARTED: 6:22 pm MINUTE TAKER: Jean Sim

PRESENT: Members: Annette Irish, Arno King, John Taylor, Thulasi Rajah, Hendrika Kwan, Fay Stutt, Anne Kemp, Peter Starkey, Barbara Steiner, Roebayne Birtles, Megan Hogan, Katherine Nikolich, Marie Hollingworth, Helen Kearney plus Jean Sim (via Zoom).

(1) Welcome

Arno King chaired the meeting on behalf of the Board and welcomed all attending.

(2) Apologies

Apologies received from Andrew Benison, Paul Plant, Patty Munro and Alison Curtis.

(3) Obituary Notices

Post the AGM, information was received about the sad loss of long-time member Ruth Steward, wife of Ray Steward. The Stewards have been members of the volunteer guides at MCBG for many years and staunch supporters of the fbbgsa.

(4) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM 3rd September 2019

Note: Previous AGM minutes are archived on the website.

Moved: Jean Sim Second: Annette Irish. CARRIED

(5) Business arising from those minutes

None.

(6) Board's Annual Report

Annette Irish delivered a summary of the activities and achievements of the Friends over the last year. This presentation will be uploaded separately to the website.

Moved to Accept Report: Annette Irish Second: Marie Hollingworth. CARRIED

(7) Financial Report

Annette Irish presented the financial report as approved by the Board as the Responsible Entity (as per the Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001)

Moved: Annette Irish Seconded Thulasi Rajah. CARRIED

Moved to Accept Report: Annette Irish Second: Arno King. CARRIED



(8) Ratification of nominated Board members

Temporarily, this section of the meeting was chaired by Helen Jeremy.

Nominees for Directors of the Board of fBBGSA received:

Jean Sim, Arno King, Annette Irish, Thulasi Rajah, Hendrika Kwan and Philip Jack.

ALL NOMINATIONS CARRIED with thanks and congratulations.

Brief biographies of the Board members will be uploaded to the website.

The Chair was returned to Arno King.

(9) Other Special Business and Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion were received.

(10) Forward Notice of Next Annual General Meeting

The agreed date for the next AGM is late October 2021.

Close

The AGM was closed at 7:15

General Discussion

The meeting was then opened up to questions from the floor.

Drone Project further detail –

- The board of FBBGSA has commissioned our webmaster, Jim Dobbin, to produce seasonal series of drone journeys showcasing the gardens. These aerial journeys will provide many positive outcomes including enhancement of the visitor's experience of our gardens, enticement of new visitors to our green oases and provision of historical and research pictorials.
- Drone footage of Mt Coot-tha initially
- Creating set flight paths and heights for each season
- Direct comparison of gardens each season
- Combined with the various heights and paths for each season (including the dome) should make for some spectacular footage and important historical data.

Nursery Development

Considerations and discussion regarding the site constraints, planning needs, design, hygiene and fire ant management, budget requirements and ongoing maintenance and management items continues with BCC staff as to this stage. Arno King represents FBBGSA in this project.

Vote of thanks to the Board was put by Marie Hollingworth who thanked Arno King, Annette Irish and Jean Sim for their dedicated and professional manner in administrating FBBGSA, especially during a challenging 2020. Arno and Annette Thanked Marie and the members for their support.