



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF HAMILTON GARDENS HELD IN THE CHARTWELL ROOM, HAMILTON GARDENS, TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2023 at 7.00 PM**

**Present:** 25 persons attended the meeting. (Attendance list filed)

**Welcome:** Ralph (standing in for Marleina) welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised Marleina was unavailable due to a family bereavement. Ralph advised that condolences had been sent to Marleina on behalf of the Committee and on a personal basis.

**Apologies:** Marleina Ruka, Gloria Edwards, Pamela Hide, Lynne Bowden, Bev Lancaster, Win Yeoman, Noel Gleeson, Barry and Catherine Smith, Gay Main

**Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting:** The Minutes had previously been circulated via the Friends webpage It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed *-Moved Colin Tuson/Judy Holdsworth– carried*

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

**Presidents Report:** The report had been previously circulated on the Friends' webpage

**Constitution:** Colin Sheppard advised the Constitution was due to be reviewed and updated in line with 2022 Incorporated Societies Act. The proposed Constitution document and subsequent changes had been made available to the meeting attendees. Colin worked through the document outlining all the changes to the Constitution including the recommendation to change from Audited accounts to Reviewed Performance Reports. The cost of Audited accounts was steadily rising and also the delay in obtaining the accounts each year was increasing. A Reviewed Performance Report was deemed appropriate and adequate for FOHG. Colin moved

*" That the proposed changes to the Constitution rules as detailed on schedule 1 be made and that the registrar of the Incorporated Societies be advised accordingly."*

*Moved Colin Sheppard/Philip Hart carried*

**Financial Report:** The Reviewed Performance Report and Treasurer's Report were circulated at the meeting. Colin Tuson presented his report and moved that the Annual Accounts be adopted. The Accounts and the Treasurer's report would be posted on the Friends' webpage.

*Moved Colin Tuson/Carol Webb – carried*

### **Election of Officers**

Ralph thanked those Committee members who were standing down – Virginia Graham and Bruce Sinkinson. Ralph requested the Committee members stand up and advised Carol Webb would be Acting Vice President for the ensuing year. Judy Calder read out the list of nominated and seconded Committee members.

President	Ralph Evans
IP President	Marleina Ruka
Acting Vice President	Carol Webb
Secretary	Judy Calder
Treasurer	Colin Tuson
Committee	Marilyn Yeoman, Jane Stewart, Colin Sheppard, Philip Hart, Eileen Wilcox, Helen LeHeron, Noel Gleeson

### **Subscriptions**

Colin Tuson proposed the rates be increased from 1 August 2024 as follows

Individual \$40  
Couple \$60  
Student \$20

*Moved Colin Tuson/Marilyn Yeoman - carried*

### **General Business**

Rena Williams advised in 2024 it would be 30 years since the Volunteers had started working in the Information Centre and asked that a celebration be considered to celebrate their achievements. Ralph confirmed it would be considered by the Committee.

Gifts were presented to Carol – for standing in as Secretary and to Virginia and Bruce for their past service. Marilyn thanked Virginia for the many years she had dedicated to the Gardens and also Bruce for his many years as Treasurer.

### **Guest Speaker**

Carly Gotz, General Manager of Botanica World Discoveries provided a Power Point presentation of 2024 World Botanical Tours available through her company. Ralph thanked Carly for her attendance and presented her with a gift.

**Meeting Closed 8.05 pm**