



4th Annual General Meeting

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Saturday, 23 November 2024, 8am

Location: Under the Arbour

Morning tea kindly provided by attendees

Chair: Kate Herren Minute Taker: Sandeep Shankar	
1. Welcome	a. (Kate): Kambarang – Flowering Seasons, Season of Birth.
2. Present	a. Kate Herren, Trish Cook, Amy Ward, Sandeep Shankar, Charles Mathelot, Sally Herzfeld, Shelton Huettig, Erin Grey, Ian Crawford, Mike Warren, Heather Warren, Geoff Barker, Kylie Brinfield and Frankie.
3. Apologies	a. Alison Atkinson
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	a. 3rd AGM 2023 Minutes held on 19 November 2023
	Decision: Confirmed by Trish and Seconded by Sally
5. Clause 49 of the Constitution: Chair's Annual Report (Kate)	<u>Please refer to Appendix A for the Chair's Report.</u>
6. Clause 49(3)(b)(i): Treasurer's Annual Report: (Amy)	<u>Please refer to Appendix B for the Treasurer's Annual Report</u> Please note the Annual report was kindly audited by Betty Pitcher pro bono. Thank you so much Betty. Betty has chosen the red plum as a gift from the garden. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We should recognise and document the pro bono amounts for work being undertaken for DCG.• Trish discussed water and costs and her request that the Shire share water costs (as a percentage), in kind support similar to Friend's of Groups and annual tip pass.• Operational costs are approximately: \$3500-\$5000 for the garden and only expected to rise as we expand our garden beds. We need to

	consider how we fund these costs more sustainably into the future.																																												
7. Clause 33 (1): Decide by resolution the number of ordinary committee members.	NOTE: Subject to Clause 34: ...a committee member holds office for a period for two years (unless resigns).																																												
	Decision: Retain committee member numbers at 10 members.																																												
8. Clause 49: Election of Chair and Executive Committee members	<div>a. Chair – Kate Herran (Elected 2023). Kate accepted to continue for another year. Thank you Kate.</div> <div>b. Vice Chair – Alison Atkinson (Elected 2023) Alison accepted to continue for another year. Thank you Alison.</div> <div>c. Secretary – Sandeep Shankar (Elected 2023). Sandeep accepted to continue for another year. Thank you Sandeep.</div> <div>d. Treasurer – Amy Ward (Elected 2023) - Amy accepted to continue for another year. Thank you Amy.</div>																																												
9. Clause 49: Election of Team Leaders (up to 10 ordinary members)	<table><tr><th>#</th><th>Team Descriptions</th><th><u>2023/2024</u></th><th>2024/2025</th></tr><tr><td><u>1</u></td><td>Horticulture</td><td>Charles Mathelot</td><td>Charles Mathelot</td></tr><tr><td><u>2</u></td><td>Infrastructure & Design</td><td>Alison Atkinson</td><td>Alison Atkinson</td></tr><tr><td><u>3</u></td><td>Memberships</td><td>Shelton Huettig</td><td>Shelton Huettig</td></tr><tr><td><u>4</u></td><td>Communications</td><td>Vacant</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td><u>5</u></td><td>Garden Elder</td><td>Sally Herzfeld</td><td>Sally Herzfeld</td></tr><tr><td><u>6</u></td><td>Events and Education</td><td>All to support</td><td>All to support</td></tr><tr><td><u>7</u></td><td>History Tsar</td><td>Trish Cook</td><td>Trish Cook</td></tr><tr><td><u>8</u></td><td>Wetlands Expert</td><td>Erin Grey</td><td>Erin Grey</td></tr><tr><td><u>9</u></td><td>Ordinary Member</td><td>Sui Johansen</td><td>Mike Warren</td></tr><tr><td><u>10</u></td><td>Ordinary Member</td><td>Myles Durham</td><td>Vacant</td></tr></table> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to Alison Atkinson and Kylie Brinfield for championing and bringing the goanna raised bed design to life.• Ian Crawford and Geoff Barker have offered to continue to support the garden on an as-needs basis and to assist with the Noise Bin project.• Brief discussion that it will not be possible to get power from Pavilion to Garden in the short-term due to costs (Geoff mentioned ~\$7000 figure).</div>	#	Team Descriptions	<u>2023/2024</u>	2024/2025	<u>1</u>	Horticulture	Charles Mathelot	Charles Mathelot	<u>2</u>	Infrastructure & Design	Alison Atkinson	Alison Atkinson	<u>3</u>	Memberships	Shelton Huettig	Shelton Huettig	<u>4</u>	Communications	Vacant	Vacant	<u>5</u>	Garden Elder	Sally Herzfeld	Sally Herzfeld	<u>6</u>	Events and Education	All to support	All to support	<u>7</u>	History Tsar	Trish Cook	Trish Cook	<u>8</u>	Wetlands Expert	Erin Grey	Erin Grey	<u>9</u>	Ordinary Member	Sui Johansen	Mike Warren	<u>10</u>	Ordinary Member	Myles Durham	Vacant
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alf continues to support the garden and through solar opportunities. Goeff discussed if solar is taken up in the garden, then it would be great to have the option to feed the power back towards the pump track. • General discussion on support of youth and DCG's role in assisting championing issues with pump track. Discussion was also raised on whether the committee should have a space for youth engagement. • Kylie mentioned a mum from the pumptrack is keen to get lighting and Kylie will speak to her to see if she is interested in coordinating with the garden.
10. Clause 49: Confirm or vary Membership Fees:	<p>a. Currently 29 Paid Members.</p> <p>b. Currently annual fee of \$20 per individual, \$15 (unwaged), kids free.</p> <p>c. Five yearly options of \$100 waged / \$75 for unwaged.</p> <p>d. Financial year is: July 1st – June 30th. Pro rata rates currently apply. Pay Forward Options – one available.</p> <p>Decision: Rates retained as above and agreed that members over the ages of 80 do not need to pay a membership fee.</p>
11. Clause 49 (4): Other business	<p><u>NoiseBin Project:</u></p> <p>a. Ian Crawford explained the history of the NoiseBin project was about championing interest in caring for the environment and reducing waste being dumped in public areas.</p> <p>b. Design: is of a Boab tree which makes a sound when you put trash in it. foundations were laid in May 2024 and since then, have been fitting mechanisms inside the bin to allow it to respond to containers being dropped in the bin. Many ideas for noises have been discussed.</p> <p>c. The heart of the structure has a small micro computer which can be used to change features and interactions over time. Lighting is also attached to the sculpture which reacts to disposal.</p> <p>d. Design workshops with young people commenced in August 2021. Two schools involved in the initial youth engagement at the product design phase: Darlington primary, the Montessori primary and a family daycare. Vital to keep that connection with the original kids.</p> <p>e. Lots of community groups have been approached but all reluctant to take on because of unknown factor with the project.</p> <p>f. Sally Herzfeld to coordinate engagement of young people operating, extending and updating the NoiseBin. Ian has been speaking to Amy from DAF - Amy will get youth to work with the group in future DAFs.</p> <p>g. Shire Facilities/Risk Management Officer is Dax Thomason.</p>

	<p>Motion: For DCG to support the NoiseBin as sub-project of DCG. A maintenance plan is to be workshopped with DCG at a future committee meeting and the original creators will be involved if problems arise. Motion supported unanimously.</p>
	<p>Composting Lattice Fencing (Sue Lennard)</p> <p>Sue requested approval of recently installed lattice fencing around composting bay and colours for painting. Unfortunately some members had left and not all were present. Generally agreed it was a welcome addition and It was suggested that Sue could use the colours left over from long table grant to ensure all fixtures compliment each other. Sue to liaise with Kate on this.</p>
<p>12. End of Meeting Time:</p>	<p>Although some members had to leave at 9:10am the other business concluded at around 10:00am.</p> 







