
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE QUEEN MARY BOTANIC GARDENS
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH 2018**

PRESENT:

Dorothy Baldwin (CWA)
Rosalind Small (Friends of QMG)
Lynne Box (Friends Of QMG)
Jason Abbott (Parks & Gardens)(Secretary)
Flora Mc Rae (Community)
Joanne Hamilton (Chairperson)(Friends of QMG)
Cr M Reid (Council representative)

1. **OPEN MEETING:** The Chair declared the meeting open.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Ella Ebery,Cr Tony Driscoll,Dorothy Patton,M Mc Cahon
3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST & DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Nil
4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

'That the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November as circulated be adopted.'

Moved: J Abbott
Seconded: L Box **Carried**
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**
 - 5.1 Re scan meetings, Committee has councils full support and does not have to attend scan meetings and only needs to report to council.
 - 5.2 Old bowling green fence has been removed.
 - 5.3 Signage on back of information board, Shire is going to print plan of eastern corner concept plan and have it installed on information board in the gardens.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 6.1 Letter to Andrew George Re: Carols in the gardens.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Lyn reported that help was needed for gala day. 9am start.

7.2 Jason reported that Cyclic maintenance was only being done at the moment due to a shortage of staff on the parks team. Interviews had been held for vacant positions and it is hoped the successful candidates would start after easter.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

8.1 Letter from scan sub committee march 5th asking why sub committees plan had not been implemented. Members who were on the sub committee only agreed that there needed to be a shelter and no formal agreement on the plan was reached. The committee with the help of the shire enlisted Thompson Hay Landscape Architects, All ideas from the sub committee were given to them along with a comprehensive history of the gardens and town. With this information they drew up a concept plan that was adopted by the committee.

8.2 Rotary St Arnaud member Russel Steel has been in contact with the shire about funds that may be available for the eastern corner project through another rotary club in Melbourne. Plans and costs have been provided to Russel who is going to pass them on to the interested club.

8.3 Tom Hamilton was a finalist in the LGPRO awards young achievers section. another great achievement for Tom.

9. NEXT MEETING: 16.5.2018

10. CLOSE:

The Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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