

# **Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee,**

## **Minutes of meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Present:** Dorothy Patton, Ros Small, Lyn Box, Dot Baldwin, Marg McCahon, Brenda Proctor, Cr.Karen Probst, Janelle Patching, Jo Hamilton, Annette Driscoll, Dee Freeman, Tina Baker (N.G.Shire)

**Apologies** Nola Lloyd

### **Minutes from previous meeting –**

Moved Lyn Box, Seconded Janelle Patching, that the minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 are true and correct.

### **Matters arising from previous meeting**

**Children’s Play Area** – Construction currently on hold. Janelle to contact Tony Dark to enquire about progress and whether the fence may be partially removed to allow access to the pipe and Xylophone.

### **Correspondence**

**Outward** – letter to CEO N.G.Shire requesting signage prohibiting unrestrained dogs in the gardens.

### **General Business**

**Buddleia Garden** Jo and Sharon will produce a planting plan for this area, which could feature salvias as well as Buddleias.

**Friends of the Gardens** provided morning tea once again for Australia Day.

**Art Installation** – Tina Baker addressed the meeting regarding the proposed Art installation in the gardens. She will draw up a brief before putting it out to tender stating that

- The project has a budget of \$35,000 to cover all works.
- It is to be put in a bed in the new “butterfly section” of the gardens.
- It is to be of a botanic nature, relevant to this district, bearing in mind the heritage nature of the gardens.
- It should also be “vandal resistant”!
- The maximum height to be 1.6m.
- The construction material to be steel, timber, or wrought iron.

Next Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Meeting closed 6.30pm