

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 20th April 2022

Present Joanne Hamilton, Marg McCahon, Brenda Proctor, Janelle Patching (Sec), Dorothy Patton (Pres), Lindy Parry, Lyn box, Ros Small

Apologies Dorothy Baldwin, Tony Driscoll

Minutes from previous meeting true and correct, moved Marg McCahon, seconded Lyn Box.

Matters arising previous meeting

Brick sign-Dorothy obtained update from Jason Abbott and Trenton Fithall from NG Shire for progress report. Trenton will get back to Dorothy on plan, Jason had applied for a plan to go through to look like the Stuart Mill sign, Dorothy advised Jarryd Ezard he would use Hawke from Donald for the bricklaying and would require a plan, Trenton Fithall to give a scale plan and permit. **Action Dorothy to communicate further with Trenton Fithall from NG Shire.**

Wisteria Planting- Discussion were to plant was held – **Action Jo Hamilton to follow up with Jarryd Ezard to meet, to organise cutting of tiles for planting space.**

Developmental new area-discussion on natural children's explore area, mound, balance beam, and children's seating etc, photos shown of Port fairy natural balance beam-**Action Janelle to contact Port Fairy Shire and the Pyrenees Shire to obtain supplier information.**

Access rom Millett Street-Discussion on parking and access via Millett Street, are there going to be no parking signs or the possibility of a loading zone and could there be bin access-**Action Dorothy to discuss with Trenton Fithall for answers from NG shire perspective.**

Does the chain also need to be reinstalled to stop people parking at that end of Gardens? **Action Dorothy to discuss with Gardener contact.**

Hedges-the existing hedges have been pruned to contain them at the 1.2 metre heights as agreed, but the new hedges have not been looked at, discussion about new gardener team:

Shane cross, Health Pole, Georgie Deon, Sharon Sheppard and Riley apprentice from Stawell. **Action Jo Hamilton to gain best contact person from Tony Driscoll to attend meetings and gain updates from, and for future garden correspondence.**

Grant application- note, did not progress further has grant date expired.

No other items from previous minutes moved Lindy Parry, seconded Deirdre Freeman

Business arising

Committee books handover-Janelle declared to the committee that there had not been a handover of previous books, Jason had made contact with full intentions but it didn't happen, this will occur when he returns from leave. **Action Janelle to follow up with Jason at that time.**

Meeting purpose -Discussion on our meeting purpose and the statement that reflects it, to include on our agenda. The purpose may include the words 'development and restoration of', Ros believes there is something in the history. **Action Ros to refer to history files to determine if there was a previous meeting purpose.**

Email list- Committee members updated their email contacts or postal address with Janelle for future correspondence. Discussion held that a new gardener contact would be needed in Jason absence from the committee so we can have QM gardens updates. **Action Jo to contact Tony Driscoll to confirm gardener contact and email details.**

Other business

Official name of our committee- Discussion held on what our committee is actually called as previously we were the QMG Committee of Management but now we are an Advisory Committee this should be identified and clarified. **Action Dorothy to contact Tony Driscoll to determine.**

Collections of plants- Discussion held for Committee member to research the Kevin Walsh plan of the garden, particularly page 25, on the palm collection. Friends may put some money to the palm collection as suggestion-**Action Committee members to research Kelvin Walsh plan prior to next meeting.**

Deirdre raised that the meeting in the Gardens could be held in the start of New Year when weather is more suitable, first meeting of the year will involve a walk through.

Dorothy raised the friends of the gardens are still prepared to give the gardens \$1000 towards buying new plants each year, so we start a fresh and get this happening again.

Meeting venue to be booked- **Action Janelle to contact the NG Shire for booking of room.**

Next meeting 15th