

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 15th June 2022

Present Joanne Hamilton, Janelle Patching (Sec), Dorothy Patton (Pres), Lyn Box, Dot Baldwin, Ros Small

Apologies Deirdre Freeman, Bev and Len Reid, Lindee Parry, Marg McCahon-moved Lyn Box seconded Jo Hamilton

Minutes from previous meeting true and correct, moved Dorothy Patton, seconded Jo Hamilton.

Matters arising previous meeting

Brick sign-Dorothy communicated with Trenton Fithall, decided the best thing was for the NG shire to take over the brick sign plan and permit, then get a quote through Jarryd Ezard to forward to the committee for a final decision on cost. **Action committee to decide once quote received on works to proceed, pending cost.**

Wisteria Planting- Health Pole met with committee on walk around, plants to be planted. No pavers to be cut. No further actions.

Developmental new area-Health Pole agreed on space for children's explore area, mound, balance beam, and children's seating etc, photos shown of Port fairy natural balance beam-**Action Janelle contacted Port Fairy Shire and the Pyrenees Shire, waiting on responses, for supplier information.**

Access from Millett Street-Dorothy communicated with Trenton Fithall from NG shire re parking, the shire have decided not to do anything in regards to parking signs etc as people need to be responsible for their parking. No further actions.

Health Pole is going to explore the chain being reinstalled to prevent cars parking in the gardens.

Hedges-The new hedges have been pruned and look great.

No other items from previous minutes moved Dot Baldwin, seconded Lyn Box

Business arising

Meeting purpose -meeting purpose was decided after Ros bringing in some history that reflected this.

'To promote awareness and continue the restoration of the Queen Mary Botanic Gardens as one of Victoria's fine 19th Century Botanic Gardens'

Official name of our committee- Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee.

Collections of plants- Discussion held by Committee members, cabbage palm, china windmill palm, canary island date palm, all came out of the plant collection from the Kevin Walsh plan.-**Action Jo Hamilton to research palms and see what else could be recommended for variety, then a discussion on varieties and irrigation will be had.**

Discussion on the Long bed needing some replanting and irrigation works, with the plan to plant early spring. \$1000 on plants and a friends working bee will be arranged to assist with the planting. **Action- Committee to advise Health Pole when the working be will be held, Next friends meeting to discuss the working bee and promote the idea.**

Meeting venue booked online for the year.

Other business

Raised that bench seats under the old bowling green buildings veranda may be a suitable idea for seating that is undercover for shade or wet weather. There may be enough room for three benches.

Friends of the gardens reported and minutes supplied. Gala day was successful, and the film fundraiser is booked for July 29th.

Bereavement card for D freeman to be sent out from committee.

Next meeting 17th August 2022

Meeting closed 6.23pm.