

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee,

Minutes of meeting held 1st April 2026

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

Apologies Nil

Minutes from previous meeting –

Moved Marg McCahon, Seconded Lyn Box, that the minutes of the meeting of 4th February 2026 are true and correct.

Matters arising from previous meeting

Children’s Play Area – The pipe has been covered with turf and the fencing removed. Moved Janelle Patching Seconded Lyn Box that we start the planting in the play area to provide shade and screening, and that we additionally look at purchasing a balance beam to complete the project.

Correspondence - nil

General Business

Buddleia Garden We need to have a meeting with Jason in the proposed garden to discuss the layout

Friends of the Gardens had a very successful Gala Day. \$4,181.55 was raised, with \$1,640 coming from the plant stall alone. Lyn thanked everyone who had helped on the day.

Art Installation – Tina Baker addressed the meeting regarding the proposed Art installation in the gardens.

22 tenders were received, and 3 were than short listed. The proposal submitted by “United Make” was thought to be the most suitable for the garden. It is a sculpture based on the hexagonal nature of honeycomb and constructed of Corten steel.

Workshop is to be booked in prior to 16th April, and preferably with a visit by the artists to the site and the final design to be submitted by 16th May.

Fabrication and installation to be done prior to June 30th.

Next Meeting – 3rd June 2026

Meeting closed 6.50pm