



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF HAMILTON GARDENS HELD IN THE CHARTWELL ROOM, HAMILTON GARDENS, THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 2024 at 7.00 PM

Present: 31 persons attended the meeting. (Attendance list filed)

Apologies: Gay Main, Rob Braithwaite, Christine Stewart, Kay and Terry Garvey

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting: The Minutes had previously been circulated via the Friends webpage. It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed - *Moved Marilyn Yeoman/Judy Holdsworth carried*

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Presidents Report: The report had been posted to the FOHG website. The President spoke to his report.

Constitution: The President advised the Constitution was an ongoing process and the required completion date was mid 2026.

Financial Report: The Friends' Annual Report 2024 had been posted to the FOHG website. The President presented the report in the Treasurer's absence. It was noted that income was down by 11% but expenses were also down by 38%. FOHG had contributed towards the Medieval Garden (which had an approximate completion date of September 2025) and the Gardeners scholarship during the year. The bank account had changed to TSB. Fund raising would now commence for the Baroque Garden. It was moved the accounts be adopted.

Moved Marilyn Yeoman/Philip Hart – carried

Election of Officers

Judy Calder read out the list of nominated and seconded Committee members for 2024/25.

President	Ralph Evans
Vice President	Carol Webb
Secretary	Judy Calder
Treasurer	Rob Braithwaite
Committee	Marleina Ruka, Jane Stewart, Philip Hart, Eileen Wilcox, Helen LeHeron, Noel Gleeson, Gail Blackwell

The President thanked those Committee members who were standing down – Marilyn Yeoman and Colin Sheppard. Both Marilyn and Colin were presented with gifts. The President advised of four new Life Members – Colin Sheppard, Judy Holdsworth, Virginia Graham and John Gallagher. Colin, Judy and Virginia were presented with Life Member certificates. John Gallagher was not present and will be offered a 'couples' Life Membership.

General Business

The members were asked whether they preferred a daytime or evening AGM. The majority of the meeting preferred to remain with an evening meeting.

Lucy Ryan advised the budget for the Baroque Garden was approximately \$3.2 million and fund raising had commenced.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker

Gus Flower, Operations Manager of Hamilton Gardens was the guest speaker. Gus provided an informative and entertaining power point presentation of his experiences over the past 20+ years. Gus will be remaining in his role as Operations Manager. Carol thanked Gus for his talk and presented him with a gift.

Refreshments were provided.