

MEETING NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the
Botany Historical Trust
will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot
on **Monday 2 December 2019** at **6:30 pm**.

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past, present and emerging, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Botany Historical Trust

2/12/2019

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 28 November 2018
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F19/23

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 28 November 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

President Anne Slattery
Vice President Christopher Hanna
Senior Vice President Alice McCann
Secretary Robert Hanna
Treasurer Richard Smolenski
Committee Member Clarence Jones
Committee Member Jacqueline Milledge
Committee Member Peter Orlovich
Committee Member Barbara Keeley

Also Present

Heather Kaulima, Administration Officer, Libraries & Customer Experience
Jennifer MacRitchie, Community History Librarian
Angela Hume, Manager Customer Experience
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Meredith Wallace, General Manager

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the The Lakes Golf Club at 6.50pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past and present and future leaders, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

2 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Ron Hoenig, Member for Heffron

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 30 November 2017

Trust Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 30 November 2017 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

5 Reports

5.1 Executive Report 2017/18

Trust Recommendation

That the report be accepted.

Notes: Ms Slattery briefly referred to her report, highlighting issues such as her concern about the future development of 1447 Botany Rd. Botany, a heritage-listed house which has had some of its heritage features removed. Ms Slattery thanked Councillor McDougall for his support of heritage issues. She also thanked the Botany and Mascot RSLs for their role in the Armistice commemorations and plaque unveilings as well as the Light Horse Memorial plaque unveiling on 3 November. Ms Slattery also extended her personal thanks to those in uniform in the heat on both days.

5.2 Financial Report 2017/18

Trust Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Notes: Ms Slattery thanked Bayside Council for its financial support of the Trust and advised members that the cost of the bus for excursions was subsidised by Council. Ms Slattery thanked Council for its support during the wait for approval of the grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the plaques at Botany, Mascot and Eastlakes.

5.3 Botany Historical Trust Constitution

Trust Recommendation

That the amended Consitution of The Botany Historical Trust be noted.

5.4 Executive Office Bearers and Members

Trust Recommendation

That it be noted, that the previously elected Office Bearers and General Members of the Executive remain until the Annual General Meeting following the 2020 local government elections.

5.5 Appointment of Council Representatives

Trust Recommendation

That the following appointments be noted:

- General Manager representing Councillors
- Council staff appointed by the General Manager:
 - Manager Customer Experience
 - Community Historian Librarian
- Community Representative/Independent Members appointed by the General Manager:
 - Dr Peter Orlovich, Archivist.
 - Auntie Barbara Simms Keeley, Indigenous Elder.

6 General Business

6.1 Thanks

Ms Slattery thanked Council staff for their work with the Trust during the year, specifically Meredith Wallace, Angela Hume, Heather Kaulima and Jenny MacRitchie.

Ms Milledge thanked Ms Slattery for all her hard work on behalf on the Trust during 2018.

7 Next Meeting

To be advised.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

2/12/2019

Item No 5.1
Subject **Financial Report 2018/19**
Report by Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File F19/23

Summary

A copy of the financial report for 2018/19 is provided to the Annual General Meeting.

Officer Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Background

Council contributes \$10,000 each year to support the Botany Historic Trust activities, events, projects and initiatives.

Below is a summary of the 2018/19 financial reconciliation. In summary \$8634.32 was expended to support BHT events, activities and initiatives. The remaining funds were carried over to 2019/20 to contribute to the completion of the Arthur park project including the interpretative sign and unveiling.

Income			
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Expenditure			
Description		Amount	
Catering for Meetings and Events		\$1,028.86	
Staff Support for Meetings & Events		\$3,192.28	
Plaques and signs		\$3,096.69	
Wreaths		\$136.36	
Misc. (Stationery, Gift Voucher (Leonie Bell, Wool Talk) Bus Transport Excursions		\$1,180.13	
Total		\$8,634.32	
Notes			
* Bayside Council provides up to \$10k contribution to the Botany Historial Trust Source: ledger account 100704 (Botany Historical Trust)			

In addition during the 2018/19 period, a grant of \$8182 was received from Department of Veteran Affairs to implement specific projects led by the BHT committee including Light Horse Beersheba Plaque and Unveiling, WWII memorial plaques at Botany and Mascot and contribution towards costs for Arthur Park replacement plaque. *Note that the grant money was expended over two financial years (2018/19 and 2019/20) and successfully acquitted in September 2019.*

Attachments

Nil

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2/12/2019

Item No 5.2
Subject **BHT President's Report 2018/19**
Report by Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File F19/23

Summary

The President submitted the attached report to the Annual General Meeting.

Officer Recommendation

That the report be accepted.

Background

The attached report by the President, Anne Slattery on behalf of the Executive outlines the activities and initiatives of the Botany Historical Trust over the past year.

Attachments

President's Report [↓](#)

BHT PRESIDENT'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 has been an unusual year for the BHT, with some significant 'good' stories and a few rather disappointing ones. For personal reasons, I took leave as President from May Meeting till last November 4 but in those six months I kept in touch and was kept updated with various BHT activities and issues.

Our 2019 Program did not go according to plan though the few events we did hold were very successful and rewarding. For various reasons, we only managed to carry out two of the six planned activities this year. Our first planned excursion had to be cancelled. This was, I thought a particularly good activity with tours and talks at Government House Sydney, the Sydney Police and Justice Museum and the NSW Parliament. The two reasons for the cancellation were the late unavailability of transport and the lateness of responses from BHT Members. I hope we can go ahead with this excursion next year.

Fortunately, our second event, a talk on the 1918 – 1919 Pneumonic Influenza Epidemic was extremely successful, thanks to the brilliant research and presentation by our former Community History Librarian, Jenny MacRitchie. All other planned events including a Port Hacking History Cruise were also postponed, basically because of my personal leave. The last excursion, the Kokoda Memorial Walkway guided by WW2 veteran, 96 year-old Reg Chard did go ahead and I thank Chris Hanna, Junior Vice President for leading our group.

The 2020 Program is currently in preparation and will be exciting and varied. At the suggestion and with the assistance of BHT Executive Member, Richard Smolenski, we are planning both a talk and later in the year a tour of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme. Richard has a special interest in and great knowledge of the Snowy Scheme as his father worked and tragically was killed working on this worldwide significant project. I am hopeful a Draft 2020 Program will be published in our last Newsletter for this year.

Two wonderful achievements of the Trust this year were the installation of plaques at the Botany and Mascot War Memorials, honoring our WW2 local servicemen and women and their families and also the restoration and rededication of the memorial plinth and a new plaque at Arthur Park Botany. The WW2 plaques were dedicated on Anzac Day this year and sponsored by the BHT and Council. Strangely, there were not specific plaques recognising WW2 participants on either Memorial. On 15 August, the very damaged and neglected Memorial at Arthur Park was both restored and rededicated on 15 August, the 74th Anniversary marking Victory in the Pacific, 15 August 1945. All occasions were magnificent successes and supported strongly by members of the present Australia armed forces. I was privileged to attend both occasions.

There are some thanks and farewells that must be made. Our outstanding Community History, Jenny MacRitchie left us in September for an exciting new role at Strathfield Council. It is said often but never more truly that our loss is Strathfield's gain. Jenny is not only a brilliant Community History Librarian but she is also the most professional, ethical and industrious person with whom one can hope to work. I treasure the personal and working relationship we had and

also shared with our other colleague, Paula Grunseit. I look forward to working in the year ahead with Kirsten Broderick, another wonderful Librarian and a person I already know and respect through collaborating on the Ron Rathbone History Award. On the administrative side, Angela Hume and her assistant Heather Kaulima succeeded the much-valued Hayla Doris in 2018. Bobbi Mayne and Leonie Maher took up the same roles in 2019. I cannot speak highly enough of the dedication, ability and work ethic of all four women. Our excursions, events, plaques and just about everything would not be possible without them.

I'd also like to welcome Councillors Dorothy Rapisardi and Scott Morrissey as Council's representatives on the BHT Executive and Aunty Barb Simms-Keeley representing our Indigenous Community. Our new Mayor, Joe Awada has already shown both a real interest in the Trust, which is much appreciated. I express my gratitude to the BHT Executive and Members for their ongoing friendship and support. Finally, a genuine thank-you to General Manager Meredith Wallace for her strong support! No request seems to be a problem for Meredith and believe me at times there have been many controversial requests if not demands.

2020 and the years ahead are going to present some real challenges to the BHT. Since our last AGM, we have been trying to prevent the destruction of our local heritage against the agendas of developers, especially in the Botany Local Heritage precinct. We are very concerned about the future of the historic Botany Police Station, a State Government responsibility but a significant historical property and asset that seems, like several other nearby buildings, being allowed by the current owners to deteriorate deliberately, to the point where they cannot be saved. 1445–1447 Botany Road would appear to be one such property! Heritage is the core interest of the Trust and Members should be prepared to actively save what remains.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas Season and a healthy and safe 2020.

Anne-Maria Slattery OAM

President, The botany Historical Trust

13 November 2019

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Item No	5.3
Subject	Executive Office Bearers and Members
Report by	Bruce Cooke, Coordinator Policy Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F19/23

Summary

The report discusses the Executive Committee membership and governance structure in accordance with the Botany Historic Trust Constitution.

Officer Recommendation

That the BHT notes that, in accordance with the Constitution, the current Executive Committee remain in place as outlined in the report until the next BHT Annual General Meeting following the Local Government elections to be held in September 2020.

Background

Section 7 of the *Botany Historical Trust Constitution* outlines the Executive Committee members and governance structure:

- b. *The Executive shall consist of the following Office Bearers: a President, a Senior Vice-President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and up to two (2) general members, all of whom are elected in accordance with this Constitution, together with:*
- up to two (2) Councillors, representing the (former Botany) Area, or if no Councillor is appointed the General Manager or nominee.*
 - up to three (3) community representatives and/or independent experts appointed by the General Manager on the recommendation of the Executive.*

The above Executive members have voting rights.

The Executive also includes the following members, who *do not have voting rights*:

- two Council staff with appropriate responsibilities that can support and address Trust issues.*

Section 8 of the Constitution states:

Election of Office Bearers shall occur at the first Annual General Meeting following each local government election. Office Bearers shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting following the next local government election.

The next Council election will be held in September, 2020 and hence the Executive Committee membership will remain the same until the next BHT Annual General Meeting in December 2020.

The Executive Committee Office Bearers are outlined below:

Position	Name	Voting Status
President	Anne Slattery	Voting
Vice President	Christopher Hanna	Voting
Senior Vice President	Alice McCann	Voting
Secretary	Robert Hanna	Voting
Treasurer	Richard Smolenski	Voting
General Member	Clarence Jones	Voting
General Member	Jacqueline Milledge	Voting
Community Member	Barbara Simms Keeley (Indigenous Elder)	Voting
Community Member	Peter Orlovich (Archivist)	Voting
Councillor	Dorothy Rapisardi	Voting
Councillor	Scott Morrissey	Voting
Council Representative	Manager Customer Experience, Bobbi Mayne	Non-Voting
Council Representative	Administrative Assistant, Leonie Maher	Non-Voting

Attachments

Nil