

## MINUTES

of the **Extraordinary Botany Historical Trust**  
held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum  
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot  
on **Monday 4 November 2024 at 6:30 pm**

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### Present

Robert Hanna, President  
Christopher Hanna, Senior Vice President  
Jacqueline Milledge, Vice President  
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer  
Warren Hensley, Committee Member  
Christina Curry, Councillor  
Scott Morrissey, Councillor  
Heather Bunton, Member  
Lenore Daley, Member  
Giovanna Fuoti, Member  
Carlyn Johnston, Member  
Neil Lee, Member  
Margaret Lee, Member  
Carole Nestor, Member  
Alan Nicholas, Member  
Maria Patti, Member  
Maria Pivitera, Member  
Pamela Richardson, Member  
Nerina Skrabut, Member  
Carla Smolenski, Member  
Lyle Underwood, Member  
Irene Vains, Member  
Amanda Wilson, Member

### Also present

Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle  
Helen Tola, Manager Governance and Risk  
Karen Barrass, Lead Governance  
Cate Kloos, Administration Officer Libraries and Lifestyle

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The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30pm.

## 1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the traditional custodians: the Gadigal and Bidjigal people of the Eora nation, and pays respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The people of the Eora nation, their spirits and ancestors will always remain with our waterways and the land, our Mother Earth.

## **2 Apologies, Leave of Absence, Remote Attendance**

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were received:

Thelma Gardiner, Member  
Robert Middlemiss, Member  
Robert Brazil, Member

### **Leave of Absence**

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

### **Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link**

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

## **3 Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **4 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

### **[4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 28 March 2022](#)**

#### **Committee Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 28 March 2022 be noted.

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### **4.2 Business Arising**

There was no Business Arising.

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust of Monday 28 March 2022 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 27 April 2022.

## 5 Reports

### [BHT24.001 Local History Update](#)

#### **Committee Resolution**

That the BHT Executive note the report.

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### [BHT24.002 President's Report - Robert Hanna](#)

Rob Hanna presented the President's report.

Rob thanked Council staff Bobbi Mayne, Cate Kloos and former Local History Librarian, Alison Wishart for their support throughout the term.

Rob welcomed Cr Christina Curry and Cr Scott Morrissey who were appointed by the newly elected Council as the Councillor representatives on the BHT Executive Committee for the new term.

#### **Committee Resolution**

That the President's Report be noted.

Moved by Richard Smolenski  
Seconded by Warren Hensley

### [BHT24.003 Election of Office Bearers for the BHT Executive Committee](#)

The Returning Officer was Manager Governance & Risk, Helen Tola.

She announced that the election will take place in accordance with the BHT Constitution dated February 2022. Ms Tola welcomed Councillors, BHT Executive Members, BHT General Members and staff. Ms Tola proposed that the voting will be by show of hands.

Ms Tola advised that Councillors Curry and Morrissey were endorsed at the Council Meeting held on 23 October 2024 as the Delegates on the Botany Historical Trust until September 2026.

#### **Committee Resolution**

That the BHT Executive agreed to voting by show of hands.

Moved by Richard Smolenski  
Seconded by Jacqueline Milledge

The following positions were appointed:

**President: Robert Hanna**

One nomination was received to elect Robert Hanna

No other nominations received.

Robert accepted the position.

**Senior Vice President:**

One nomination was received for Jacqueline Milledge as Vice President

No other nominations were received

Jacqueline accepted the position.

**Vice President:**

One nomination was received for Christopher Hanna as Vice President

No other nominations were received

Christopher accepted the position.

**Secretary:**

One nomination was received for Warren Hensley as Secretary

No other nominations were received

Warren accepted the position.

**Treasurer: Richard Smolenski**

One nomination was received for Richard Smolenski for Treasurer

No other nominations were received

Richard accepted the position.

**General Committee Member:**

A nomination was received for Amanda Wilson, Lenore Daley, Anne Slattery and Nathan Brown. Only Amanda Wilson and Lenore Daley were present at the AGM.

Amanda and Lenore accepted the position.

**Committee Resolution**

- 1 That the Botany Historical Trust members elect the nominated Executive Office Bearers in accordance with the BHT Constitution.
- 2 That the following nominated Executive Office Bearers be accepted in accordance with the BHT Constitution:

President:	Robert Hanna
Senior Vice President:	Jacqueline Milledge
Vice President:	Christopher Hanna
Secretary:	Warren Hensley
Treasurer:	Richard Smolenski
Committee Member:	Amanda Wilson
Committee Member:	Lenore Daley
Councillor:	Christina Curry
Councillor:	Scott Morrissey

## **6 General Business**

### **BHT24.004 New General Members**

#### **Committee Recommendation**

That applications for general (non-Executive) members from Alison Wishart, Tina Workman, Jo Jansyn and Jenny Muscat were received.

President, Rob Hanna recommended that the applications are accepted, which was agreed to by the majority of attending BHT members.

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge  
Seconded by Richard Smolenski

### **BHT24.004A BHT Christmas Function**

The BHT Christmas Function will take place on 10 December 2024 at 6pm for a 6:30pm start at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum.

## **7 Next Meeting**

That the next BHT Executive Meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30pm on Monday, 3 February 2025.

An Agenda Item for this meeting will be the recommendation up to three (3) community representatives and/or independent experts to be appointed by the General Manager on the recommendation of the Executive.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:10pm.