

Rathborne Lodge

Cover: Dr Brett Summerell with The Wiggles
— Dorothy the Donosaur, Fairy Clare and
Purple Wiggle at the Royal Botanic Garden,
Sydney 195th birthday celebration.

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OVERVIEW

As the first botanic garden, the first scientific organisation and first location of agriculture in Australia, the Royal Botanic Garden has much local and national significance.

With almost 200 years of history, the Garden continues to play an important role in the social and cultural lives of Australians; the touristic experience of our international visitors; in the educational inspiration and experience for our young and those not so young; and, critically, in the conservation and research work to protect our native plant diversity, at this time in history when our environment is highly threatened.



LEFT ~ *Garden Palace*
c. 1880
RIGHT ~ *Turn of the century — the Royal Botanic Garden*

We are five years out from the Bicentenary of the Royal Botanic Garden in 2016. A point like this in history makes us consider our role and relevance in today's society and our vision for the future to address that role. We are setting the vision for the Gardens for the next 100 and 200 years to meet the expectations of the community looking forward.

The Gardens Today

In the past 12 months, the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust was rebranded. This strategic exercise permits the organisation to present in a more contemporary way. Key elements for our stakeholders include new nomenclature for each Garden eg referencing the city Garden as the Royal Botanic Garden (singular, not plural); and new visual identity. Each Garden has its own colour coded version with the collective organisation embracing the three coloured versions. In line with these changes, the Foundation has also been re-presented.



The Gardens as an entity is instantaneously recognised as the physical gardens, each very distinctive from the other in terms of plant collections, climate and weather, layout, history and heritage, program options and visitor experience. Each is as rich as the other on these dimensions and each contributes in its own way to the value of the organisation and the offering to our visitors.

Less immediately seen is the work 'inside the walls' that enriches our nation's body of knowledge about plants — what they are, how to conserve them, and how to protect our environment and planet. Our scientists and horticulturalists are leaders in their fields of research, conservation, arboriculture, horticulture and ecology. The collections of preserved plants in the National Herbarium of NSW, of seed in the seed bank, and books and journals in the library, are key tools in the quest to conserve our nation's flora. Internationally, they are among leaders in their fields.

In addition, the Trust enriches the world 'outside the walls' through outreach and on-site programs educating our children and the broader community. Face to face teaching, guided tours and talks as well as the internet are today's tools to help us teach why plants are critical to life, improve our well being and deserve our care.



In total, approximately 300 staff assisted by a large team of volunteers undertake these programs benefiting over 8 million people on-site, internet visitors, scientific collaborators and partner organisations.

LEFT ~ *Children enjoying the Garden*

RIGHT ~ *School children at Garden Expo, the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney*

Looking Forward

The flagship projects of the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary 2016 are imperatives in meeting the vision of the Trust to enrich each visitor experience, recreationally and educationally, and to better conserve our native flora.

BELOW ~ *PlantBank BVN Architecture Images*



Our Foundation

At the heart of the Foundation's role is the purpose to support the science, education, conservation, horticulture and recreation of these Botanic Gardens that we all love. It is our collective support that makes this all possible and we thank you for your individual support.

The Foundation has an enormous but exciting responsibility leading up to the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary. Philanthropic support is critical to achieving the initiatives.

Benefactors may have a close affiliation with the Bicentenary through regular progress reports of the projects; being consulted on aspects of projects which are relevant to their interests; attending presentations as projects advance; and perhaps briefings and ultimately site inspections. It is important that all benefactors have a close relationship and feel well informed.

Benefactors can direct their giving to the Bicentenary Campaign through the Foundation and receive tax deductibility and recognition on the Bicentenary honour board.



LEFT ~ *Beverley Allen and Graham Bradley AM at opening of Florilegium Exhibition*



RIGHT ~ *Peter Crossing, Prof David Mabberley, Geoffrey White OAM*

Benefactors enjoy a program of education, information and hospitality throughout the year. These activities and events are programmed across the three Botanic Gardens and are designed to include a mix of Bicentenary initiatives, seasonal events, social occasions and be enjoyable as well as informational.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present my fifth Chairman's Report of the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation. I am proud to have the honour of this role.

I would like to make a special welcome to Professor David Mabberley who commenced his role as Executive Director in August 2011, bringing new vision and energy to the Bicentenary. We look forward to working with you on these exciting initiatives.

I would like to thank all our benefactors for your generous donations, providing the Foundation the ability to directly support the Botanic Gardens in many

different ways. Your support is imperative for the Gardens to achieve many of its goals, particularly doing those things which cannot be funded from recurrent budgets. Many of you have made contributions towards the Bicentenary projects, of which PlantBank is our immediate priority. Others supported different projects, which I will mention below.

In 2010 the NSW Government committed \$15.53 million towards PlantBank, the \$19.878 million conservation and research building to be built at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan. We have been seeking corporate, foundation and individual philanthropic support and I am pleased to say that we are on the home run, with \$2.5 million yet to raise. Thank you for your support to PlantBank.

I would like to thank the following people for their generous donations supporting Bicentenary initiatives with gifts of \$1,000 or more in the past year: Ruth Armytage, Austin family, Bob and Simone Arnott, Greg and Myra Bell, Marissa Best, Dr Barbara Briggs, Cadwallader family, Clarke & Baffsky family, Roxanne Clayton family, Jennifer Crivelli, Mike and Susan Crivelli, Peter & Penny Curry, Elisabeth Davis, Anne de Salis, Julie Drew, Richard and Harriett England, Justice Peter and Jane Garling, Sue Gazal, Odette Gourley, David & Kathryn Groves, David Healey, Greg Martin, Markwell & Turnbull family, Robbie Neill, Sam and Helen Sheffer, Alice Simpson, Prue Socha and Maxine Stewart. Your support is most appreciated. Over \$115,000 was gifted.

I would also like to thank other families and organisations who have generously supported other valuable projects in the past year that would not have been possible without their benefaction:

- Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Solar Panels — Mr Geoffrey & Mrs Rachel O’Conor and Prof Carrick Chambers AM & Mrs Margaret Chambers
- Herb Garden Pavilion — Ms Roslyn Baker
- Heritage Statuary Conservation — Mr James O. Fairfax AC
- Library Treasures & Rare Book Cataloguing — Dr Alistair Hay, Mr Ian McLachlan, the Moore Family and Mr Conrad and Mrs Alice Oppen OAM
- Rainforest Seed & other Research — Mr Tony Maxwell and Ms Robyn Godlee
- Seedbank of NSW — 36 gifts including gifts of \$1,000 or more from Liv-Better Foundation, Ord Minnett and Austin family
- Trees of Papua New Guinea — Mundango Abroad Pty Ltd
- Youth Community Greening — Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Mrs Roslyn Packer AO, Anonymous donor
- Scholarship for Staff of the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah — Clive & Lorna Backhouse Estate

The love of the Botanic Gardens is demonstrated by many families in our community wanting to make dedications in the Gardens to celebrate a happy family event or to remember a loved one. Most frequently this is expressed



*LEFT ~ Ms Roslyn Baker,
Prof Carrick Chambers
and Ms Julie Drew*

*RIGHT ~ Prof David
Mabberley with
Dr Rachel Kohn and
Tom Breen*

through a bench or tree dedication. We would like to acknowledge many people who have made such a gift in the past year at one of our three Botanic Gardens, including families Armstrong, Bradley, Chan, Croudace, Down, Gillieatt, Hatherly, Hyland, Johnston, McCallum, Marshall, Moxham, Pearce, Phillips and Wentworth. These gifts support the Gardens' arboreal work and help provide and maintain benches throughout the Gardens.

We have been most grateful to Dr Robyn Williams AO for his support of the Foundation as an Ambassador, attending events and providing his wise counsel. Friends President, Raoul de Ferranti, has represented the Friends of the Botanic Gardens at Council meetings, helping to bring the fundraising work of our two organisations closer together.

I would like to recognise and give my thanks to the Councillors of the Foundation who voluntarily give their time, expertise and networks to the benefit of the Gardens and are at the heart of the Foundation's success. They are Daniel Baffsky, Penny Curry, Odette Gourley, Ronald Griffin, Nicholas Playoust, Adelle Robinson, Tony Sherlock and John Taberner. I would also like to thank most sincerely Sue Gazal who retired after four years and Wayne Kingston both who served as Councillors. It has been my pleasure to work with such a dedicated team.

I would like to thank the Councillors for their diligent commitment to Committees. I acknowledge the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee members — Ronald Griffin (Chair), Tony Sherlock and Richard England, together with Miss Jennifer Crivelli of Ord Minnett which provides advice on the market and Foundation investments.

Adelle Robinson and her team at Fuzzy Marketing gave invaluable input into the 195th Birthday Celebration. Thankyou Adelle for your time, your staff and your company's sponsorship. Daniel Baffsky, Odette Gourley and Nicholas Playoust have come together recently as an Events Committee – thank you for your input.

Our recently departed Executive Director, Dr Tim Entwisle, was also a Councillor and played a vital role with the Foundation particularly leading Botanic Gardens Bicentenary fundraising activities. Tim personally lead a series of early morning Director's Walks around the Royal Botanic Garden, introducing many people to his view of the Garden and the Bicentenary story and vision. Tim was tireless in making time to meet with people and share his passion for our Gardens. Thank you, Tim.

I would also like to thank the Foundation office team — Pauline Markwell, Sylvia Harner and Joanna Allwood who run the Foundation stewardship program, Bicentenary cultivation program, all the events, care for our benefactors and are responsible for communications and administration. They have operated energetically, happily and professionally and we appreciate their dedication.

I would like to make particular mention of the 195th Birthday Celebration of the Royal Botanic Garden on 13th June, heralding the countdown to the Botanic Bicentenary in 2016. The Foundation team orchestrated a wonderful large family event including a Garden Trail with many activity stations for children and a children's concert featuring favourites such as Dorothy the Dinosaur, Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men, and Clarence Slockee leading the Acknowledgement of Country, all hosted by TV personality, Costa. The concert culminated with the cutting of a giant birthday cake and distribution of 1500 decorated cup cakes. Some Councillors were also there to talk about the Bicentenary and the Foundation. A huge hoop pine was dressed as the wishing tree and wishes gathered from visitors and public figures were displayed. Despite deplorable weather, the event was hugely successful, well attended and a wonderful public start to the Bicentenary.

This event has set the benchmark for the Gardens in communicating the Bicentenary to the public and generating support for the flagship projects. The year ahead will be critical in completing the fundraising task for PlantBank and commencing garnering support for the Children's Gardens at each estate and the Pyramid of Life, as the redevelopment of the Tropical Centre is called.

Corporate support for the Bicentenary campaign grew in the past year. We thank UBS Wealth Management for hosting a lunch for selected clients at which Professor Lesley Hughes, Member of the Federal Government's Climate Change Committee and a Trustee, and Dr Tim Entwisle made presentations on climate change and the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary 2016. The Foundation has since returned the hospitality at the Garden. We also thank The Committee for Sydney hosting a breakfast at Clayton Utz at which Dr Brett Summerell presented the Bicentenary story.

All this support and more is what it will take to succeed in our challenge. Thank you again for your most valuable support in 2011. We look forward to having your friendship as we continue towards the Bicentenary.

Clive Austin

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2011 has been a significant year for the Foundation with many achievements.

Firstly I would like to thank all our benefactors for their generous support for both Bicentenary projects and other projects enhancing the capacity of the Botanic Gardens. Without your support these achievements would not be possible.

In September 2010, the Foundation hosted the opening of the Florilegium Exhibition at which Graham Bradley AM, CEO of the Business Council of Australia, gave an excellent speech relating history, plants and art, subjects that are dear to him. The Florilegium Society is producing a body of work featuring plants from our three Botanic Gardens due to be published by 2016. Australia's leading botanical artists have been invited to submit works to this Florilegium. It was most appropriate that the Highgrove Florilegium (of the estate of the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles), a gift of Susan Maple-Brown to the Gardens and recently arrived in Sydney, was on display at the event.

In March, the Foundation hosted a Pimm's & Pearls Farewell to Dr Tim Entwisle and his wife, Lynda, before they departed to Kew Gardens. Through the year, Councillors hosted various events at Rathborne Lodge to introduce the Bicentenary story and make presentations about PlantBank.

Benefactors were invited to many events including the Trust Annual Party, OpenAir Cinema viewings, Shakespeare performances and other events associated with the inaugural Autumn of Arts, Sydney Festival concerts and a private exhibition tour by Rew Hanks, the 2010 Artist in Residence at the Royal Botanic Garden. The small gatherings are intimate opportunities for guests to become familiar with the work of the Botanic Gardens, meet staff, to celebrate achievements, or to enjoy some of the special hospitality available at the Gardens.

At the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan, the Foundation hosted a function with a presentation by John Siemon and Dr Brett Summerell about PlantBank and the Bicentenary story.

It was an eventful year, administratively. The Foundation staff installed and trained for the new data base and an e-donation facility; published the Bicentenary website and project brochures; set up new systems; and recruited Jo Allwood to the team. In December 2010 the Foundation team 'moved home' to Rathborne Lodge providing a great enhancement to hospitality facilities, meeting rooms and office accommodation. If you have not yet visited us here, we do welcome you.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported the Foundation and me over the past year — benefactors, Councillors, professional advisors as well as Botanic Gardens colleagues. I would particularly like to acknowledge the superb work of my colleagues in the Foundation without whom we would not have achieved the results we have.

It has been a full and rewarding year and has been my pleasure to have worked with you all. Thank you.

Pauline A Markwell

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Library Treasures Presentation** on 29 September 2010 our Library team — Judy Blood, Miguel Garcia and Janet Haywood — displayed some of Library treasures and gave an update on cataloguing the Library's rare book collection.
- **Governor Macquarie Walk** on 14 October 2010, Hillary Valance, Volunteer Guide, conducted a tour around the Royal Botanic Garden, highlighting features that are a legacy of Governor Macquarie's influence.
- **Opening of Gwuulya Garri Dilya**, the Laughing Children's Garden, at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah in the presence of Tom Breen and his family (benefactors) and sculptors Glen Manning and Kathy Daly on Monday 8 November 2010. Johanna Clancy and children from Mount Victoria Public School performed the Dragonfly Dance, one of the motifs represented on the sculpture.
- **Ceremony at the Yurabirong Tree Sculpture** commemorated its completion on 24 February 2011 with benefactor, Mrs Elisabeth Mooney. Primary school children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School danced. This *Eucalyptus tereticornis* was sculpted by Vic Simms and Glen Timbery to acknowledge the Aboriginal ancestors of the lands occupied by the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.
- **Moving to Rathborne Lodge**
- **Running South:** Two engineers, Len Gervay and Chris Turnbull, ran from Sydney to Melbourne fundraising for Save a Species, a program that helps fund the Seedbank of NSW. Their run generated enormous publicity for the program down the Hume Highway route. The Minister for the Environment, Ms Robyn Parker MP, made a presentation on their return to Sydney.



Librarian Judy Blood with Dr Bill Nelson & Mr Ian McLachlan



Sculptor Vic Simms by Yurabirong Tree



Ms Robyn Parker, MP with Chris Turnbull

- **Youth Community Greening** held two teacher in-service days. The program now reaches over 22,000 participants. Felicity Foster was recruited to the position of Horticultural Education Officer.
- **195th Birthday:** Successful public launch of the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary on 13 June 2011, announcing the countdown to 200 years in 2016.
- Program of Director's Walks **led by Executive Director, Dr Tim Entwisle**, introduced the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary 2016 fundraising campaign to leaders in the community.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED

In FY 2011, the Foundation transferred donations to the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust for the following projects:

- Children's Garden Business Case, the Royal Botanic Garden, \$34,826
- Herb Garden Pavilion, \$120,000
- Laughing Children's Garden, \$40,600 — sculpture and garden landscaping
- Library Treasures Rare Book Cataloguing, \$13,190 — staffing
- Orchid Research, \$38,000
- Rainforest Seed Research, \$96,105 — staffing and research
- Removal of African Olive, the Australian Botanic Garden, \$114,516
- Science equipment, \$6,790
- Solar Panels, the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, \$52,198
- Trees, benches and maintenance, the Royal Botanic Garden, \$173,000
- Tropical Centre Business Case, the Royal Botanic Garden, \$10,346
- Yurabirong Tree Sculpture, \$4,000
- Youth Community Greening, \$144,000 — staffing and program delivery

Mrs Roslyn Baker's generosity has funded the construction of the Herb Garden Pavilion that was part of the original Herb Garden design. The beautifully proportioned pavilion completes the aesthetics and adds to the amenity of this favourite part of the Royal Botanic Garden, originally donated by many members of the Arnott family in 1993.

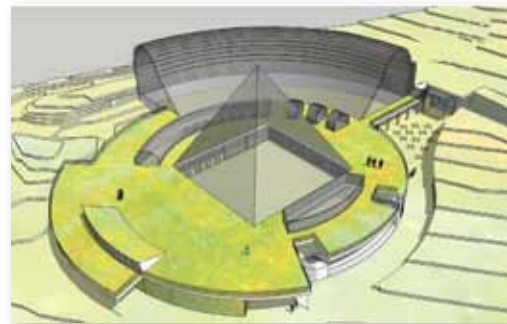
FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

In FY 2011, the Foundation's fundraising focused on the Bicentenary flagship projects as well as ongoing cultural, conservation and educational programs:

- **PlantBank, a Bicentenary flagship project**
Total Project: \$19.787M. NSW Government committed \$15.537M; Gifts have been received from The Ian Potter Foundation, Jamoca Foundation, Greatorex Foundation, HSBC, Transgrid, two anonymous foundations and the Beswick Family Fund.
Funding position: Seeking \$2.5M in philanthropic and corporate support.

Building of PlantBank, a 2800 m² building designed by BVN architects, will commence late 2011. A model of sustainable design, PlantBank includes thermal-efficient seed vaults where millions of seeds will be deep-frozen as the ultimate insurance policy against loss of biodiversity. This will be the largest native seed bank in Australia. In addition, PlantBank will house laboratories, conference facilities, a nursery glasshouse, office and meeting rooms and be designed for research, conservation, educational and public programs.

PlantBank is a partner to the Millennium Seed Bank, a Kew Gardens global conservation initiative.



- **The Pyramid of Life, a Bicentenary flagship project**

Total project: \$19,743M redevelopment of the Tropical Centre. NSW Government announced its support of \$16,743M for this project.

Funding Position: Seeking philanthropic and corporate support of \$3 million.

The Pyramid of Life will be an inspiring multifunctional exhibition and education centre for sustainability, catering to a wide range of visitors. With inspiring curatorial and thematic display and programs, it will link to school and community education programs on and off site. There will be an interpretative gallery and exhibition space with strong visual connection to the glasshouse collections. New features such as a theatrette, retail outlet, public amenities and kitchen facilities and an accessible entrance will enhance its functionality and function usage.

The Pyramid of Life will be the hub of the Trust's messages on environmental sustainability, itself a model of sustainable design and systems. The building will retain existing architectural forms, have all ability access and visual entry.

- **Gardens for Children, Bicentenary flagship projects**

Plan: Gardens at each Botanic Garden: \$11 million capital costs plus endowments or sponsorships for horticultural and educational staff and maintenance. Support for the garden at the Australian Botanic Garden, \$650,000 has been pledged by AGL.

Funding Position: Seeking individual philanthropy and corporate support

With the growing alienation of children from the natural world, we need to provide attractive experiences for them to enjoy and connect with nature and plants and learn to appreciate the full value of plants in our lives.

LEFT ~ *PlantBank visualisation*

RIGHT ~ *The Pyramid of Life model*

These gardens will give children a sense of belonging and encourage ownership of the Gardens as their 'special space' — in the present and into the future. Each garden will be different from the others and relevant to its locality. At the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan, the Adventure Garden will cater for children up to young teenage years and will include active equipment, reflecting the needs of the new growing demographic and visitation. At the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah, there will be four interactive sculptures set in four specially landscaped settings. At the Royal Botanic Garden children will be offered unique cultural and learning experiences relevant within one of the world's leading botanic gardens with significant heritage and history.

- **Library Treasures**

A program to catalogue, conserve, restore and digitise our valuable collection of rare books, journals, photographic images, artworks and botanical illustrations. Approximately 25% of the rare book collection has been catalogued since 2009, the start of this project. Further funding is required to continue this work and catalogue other parts of the Library Treasures collection.

A generous gift from Dr Alistair Hay will fund conservation work in the rare book collection. Work will initially focus on Curtis's Magazine, an historically and scientifically-important set of over 200 volumes, beautifully bound and with fine hand-coloured botanical illustrations.

Funding Position: We are seeking individual philanthropy to continue the current cataloguing program.



LEFT ~ *Curtis Illustration*

RIGHT ~ *Dr Barry Conn and friends at TepTep, Finisterre Ranges, Papua New Guinea*

- **Papua New Guinea Trees Research**

Mundango Abroad has made an important gift to allow Trust botanist Dr Barry Conn to work with and train PNG botanists in the field to identify PNG rainforest species. The species descriptions will be published in a book and on the web as a tool to assist local forestry management conserve the natural biodiversity.

- **Statuary Restoration**

Over the last three years, Mr James Fairfax AC has generously funded a program to preserve and conserve our heritage bronze and marble statuary in the Royal Botanic Garden and Domain. In 2012, the Bird Bath Fountain in the Lotus Pond will be restored to its original shape and beauty. Other benefactors have also generously contributed to the restoration of heritage marble statuary.

Funding Position: An endowment is sought to ensure a continuing program of conservation and restoration of the heritage and modern statuary of the Royal Botanic Garden.



- **Rainforest Seed Conservation Research**

This research project has significantly increased our knowledge to conserve seed of Australian rainforest species. It is the first systematic study of seed storage of this group in Australia and is one of only a few in the world. From 2,000 rainforest species covering the major representative families, 150 species were selected for collection and examination on 30 plant characters. The study has identified plant characteristics indicating those plants which are most suitable to conventional seed banking and those plants that will most likely require non-orthodox conservation techniques such as cryostorage, tissue culture or in-situ collections.

This research project is embarking on Stage Two with the generous commitment of Mr Tony Maxwell and Ms Robyn Godlee (original benefactors of this program) and Mr Ken Roberts AM and Dr Jan Roberts.

- **Youth Community Greening (YCG)**

In its inaugural four-year term, YCG has delivered significant impacts for the disadvantaged communities. Each year approximately 2,500 young people are directly involved in educational programs with another 4,000 benefiting through their teachers. YCG horticulturalists deliver over 300 training sessions annually through 150 school visits and run teacher in-service days. They assist in building school gardens, supplying materials sponsored for the program and educate teachers to use the gardens as a resource for cross-curricular subjects.

The program has assisted teachers by building new networks to help support each other. YCG staff have assisted rural areas in establishing local initiatives and worked with officers from other programs assisting the disadvantaged in our communities.

Funding Position: A pledge of \$500,000 has been made by the Eden Foundation for 2012–2016. We are seeking \$800,000 in individual philanthropy, foundation or corporate support.

LEFT ~ *Bird bath fountain in the 1920s*

RIGHT ~ *Northern NSW rainforest*

OUR BENEFACTORS AND SUPPORTERS

The Foundation Fellowship Program is our way of acknowledging and thanking our benefactors and supporters — both individuals and organisations. Individuals and organisations are recognised at the following (collective) gift levels.

Benefactors who have made notified bequests will be recognised in the Fellowship program. Where the value of the bequest has been advised, the benefactor will be recognised at the appropriate level, or otherwise as an Allan Cunningham Fellow.

Supporters	Gifts to \$5,000
Key Supporters	Gifts \$1,000 – \$5,000
Allan Cunningham Fellows	Gifts \$5,000 and above
Joseph Maiden Fellows	Gifts \$25,000 and above
Sir Joseph Banks Fellows	Gifts \$100,000 and above
Charles Darwin Fellows	Gifts \$500,000 and above

Benefactors, individuals or organisations, contributing specifically to the Bicentenary Campaign will also be recognised on the Bicentenary Honour Board. The recognition levels for individual and corporate support are:

Key Supporters	Gifts \$1,000 – \$5,000
Major Benefactors	Gifts \$5,000 and above
Major Corporate Sponsors	Gifts \$50,000 and above
Principal Benefactors	Gifts \$100,000 and above
Principal Corporate Sponsors	Gifts \$200,000 and above
Leadership Circle Benefactors	\$1 million and above
Leadership Corporate Sponsors	\$1 million

Specially propagated plants from the Garden's collections will be presented to benefactors gifting \$25,000 and over. Benefactors in our Leadership Circle will be offered a beautiful hybrid orchid to name and which will be registered with the Royal Horticultural Society, UK.

Dedication Programs Individuals making a dedication within the three Botanic Gardens are usually recognised on the plaque at the point of dedication. This is a wonderful way to have a special connection with their Botanic Gardens.

Charles Darwin Fellows	Sir Joseph Banks Fellows	Sir Ronald Brierley
John B. Fairfax AO	Allianz Australia Ltd	James O Fairfax AC
Dr Alistair Hay	Bruce Arnott	Lady (Nancy) Fairfax AO
Clive & Lorna Backhouse Estate	Roslyn Baker	Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation
Cliffina Thersey Rathborne Estate	Morrish Besley AM AC AO	Tony Maxwell & Robyn Godlee
The Eden Foundation	Tom Breen & Dr Rachael Kohn	Ian & Helen McLachlan

Drs William & Sarah
Nelson

Geoffrey & Rachel
O'Connor

Gretel L Packer

Roslyn Packer AO

Thyne Reid

Alexander & Dorothy
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Jane Clarke

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Margaret Chambers

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Genevieve Elise Cook

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Alistair McLean	Professor Ross Steele AM	Herman Slade Foundation
Roslyn Maguire	Ruchir Sodhani	Herman Slade Orchid Fund
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GOVERNANCE

The Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation, Sydney was established in 1993 to raise funds to develop and enhance the estates and programs administered by the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust. This purpose continues today.

The Foundation is a charitable fund endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient Item 2 under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. All donations are tax deductible. The Foundation has an authority to fundraise from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing valid until 11/07/2015 under the Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991. It has GST Concession and Income Tax Exemption status. The ABN of the Foundation is 65 037 438 220.

The Foundation operates with the guidelines of the Trust Deed. The Trust Deed permits up to 13 Councillors, one of whom is nominated by the Minister of the NSW Government (the Executive Director). A maximum of 6 Councillors are nominated by the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust and a maximum of 6 may be nominated by other Councillors. At the end of FY 2011 there were 9 Councillors.

The Foundation holds five Council meetings and five Audit, Finance and Investment Committee (AFIC) meetings per annum. Four Councillors are AFIC members — Ronald Griffin (chair), Richard England, Tony Sherlock and Clive Austin. Mrs Jennifer Crivelli of Ord Minnett represents the professional services of this company at AFIC meetings.

Other committees stand as required. A Nominating Committee comprising Richard England (Chair), Odette Gourley and Clive Austin is working with Heidrick & Struggles to recruit new Councillors. An Events Committee of Daniel Baffsky, Odette Gourley and Nicholas Playoust is advising on Foundation and Bicentenary programming.

Foundation Council established AFIC to address, monitor and report to each Council meeting on financial and governance matters. The principal financial and governance guidelines are:

- Foundation is responsible to establish and maintain internal controls to ensure the financial report is fair and free of material misstatement. This is achieved by processes including a cheque register, an EFT register, an administration fee register, budget reviews, investment strategy review and reports presented and available for discussion and approval at each Council meeting.
- Foundation is responsible to ensure that all gifts are applied to the purpose for which they were given, and in accordance with any memorandum of understanding between the Trust and the Foundation.
- Foundation is responsible to invest the corpus of all assets under management in accordance with an agreed Investment Strategy, assisted by regular reviews of investment options as advised by our investment advisor.
- The administration fee policy is currently under review.
- Foundation will invest gifts for specific purposes in a risk adverse way to seek to protect the principal amount of the gift and thereafter maximise yield.
- Foundation Investment Strategy is to invest assets in accordance with the Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997.

COUNCILLORS

Mr Clive Austin LLM (Lon), FAICD

Company Director

Councillor and Chair Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation — appointed 1 July 2007

Member: Audit, Finance and Investment Committee, Nominating Committee

Mr Austin is Chairman of Consolo Limited (Group) which has interests in the horticultural and agricultural sector. He is Chairman of Oasis Horticulture Pty Limited. He has chaired Boards and Committees of a number of not-for-profit and community organisations and currently is Chairman of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney, Director and Past President of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia (NSW) and Past President of Redkite.

Mr Daniel Baffsky BLA (Hons), RLA, BEc

Landscape Architect, Principal of 360o

Councillor — appointed 16 February 2010.

Member: Events Committee

In 2001, Daniel established the award-winning landscape architectural practice 360o. He has since overseen the design of The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern; 'Ivy', Sydney; The Kuwaiti Diplomatic Mission Complex,

Canberra; Sam Fisman Park, Bondi Beach; M Central, Ultimo and The Kinghorn Cancer Centre, Darlinghurst. Daniel has previously worked in investment banking, public relations and tourism.

Ms Penny Curry BA (Earth Sciences), Dip Ed.

High School Teacher and horticulturalist
Councillor — appointed 16 February 2010

Penny Curry worked primarily as a secondary school teacher. She has worked with the Friends of The Gardens in the Artisans Exhibition. Penny studied Horticulture at Ryde School of Horticulture.

Mr Richard England FCA, MAICD

Chartered Accountant and Company Director
Councillor appointed 11 June 2009

Member: Audit, Finance and Investment Committee, Chair Nominating Committee

Richard practised in the fields of Insolvency and Management Advisory for over 30 years. He is a former partner of Peat Marwick and Ernst & Young. His current board appointments include Chandler Macleod Group Limited (Chairman), Ruralco Holdings Limited (Chairman), Allianz Australia Limited, Choiseul Investments Limited and Nanosonics Limited. Richard is also Deputy Chairman of The Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct Administration Committee.

Ms Odette Gourley BA LLB (Hons)

Lawyer

Councillor appointed 15 February 2011

Member: Events Committee, Nominating Committee

Odette is a lawyer practising in the fields of intellectual property and technology, and a partner of leading Australian law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Odette is passionate about plants and the Gardens, and her next project is to create a garden in the challenging environment of a Sydney east coast ocean cliff.

Mr Ronald Griffin BEng Chem, USyd, MBA, UNSW

Banker

Councillor — appointed 1 July 2007

Chair: Audit, Finance and Investment Committee

Mr Griffin is an experienced banker specialising in major infrastructure and other projects. Family involvement and his long term interest in the Botanic Gardens has led to his joining the Foundation.

Mr Nicholas Playoust BSc Arch, BArch (Hons) USyd, MAICD

Company Director and Executive

Councillor — appointed 15 July 2009

Member: Events Committee

Mr Playoust is the Managing Director of AEH Property and is responsible for the oversight of all of the Group's property interests. Prior to this, he practised as an architect and development manager in Australia and the UK. He is also a member of the Property Council of Australia's Planning Committee (NSW).

Ms Adelle Robinson B Media

Event Producer, Director Fuzzy Events Pty Ltd, Director Heaps Decent
Councillor — appointed 21 September 2010

Adelle has been producing large scale events in environmentally sensitive venues around Australia since 2000. She has worked in Brisbane City Botanic Gardens, Royal Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, Centennial Park and Moore Park, the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and of course the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. After discovering her Indigenous heritage Adelle became involved with the Heaps Decent organisation that runs music workshops with underprivileged and Indigenous young people around Australia. She became a Director of the organisation in 2009.

Mr Tony Sherlock

Company Director

Councillor — appointed 16 February 2010

Member, Audit, Finance and Investment Committee — appointed 21 September 2010

Mr Sherlock is a widely known and successful professional with 20 years in credit risk management and corporate administration. He is currently a non-executive director of a number of public companies in mining, property and health care IT.

Mr John Taberner MA Hons, LLB, LLM (Geo Wash)

Solicitor

Councillor — appointed 1 July 2007

Mr Taberner is a Consultant to Freehills, Solicitors, having been a partner in its Sydney office for 20 years until 1 July 2008 and leader of its Sydney Environment Practice Group. He has extensive experience on all aspects of environmental law, in particular planning and pollution control law, the Kyoto Protocol as relevant to Australia, and analysis of Australian State-based carbon sequestration legislation.

President

Mr Greg Martin BEc, LLB, MAICD, FAIM

Company Director

Chair of Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust since December 2003

Acting Chair of Foundation — August 2004 – November 2007

President — appointed November 2007

Greg is non executive Chairman of Jackgreen Limited, Gas Valpo S.A. (Chile) and Everest Financial Group. He is also a non executive Director of Energy Developments Limited and the Australian Energy Operator Limited. Greg is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of The Australian Gas Light Company (AGL) and Chief Executive, Infrastructure for Challenger Financial Services Group.

Ambassadors

Mr Jamie Durie DipHort

Horticulturist and Landscape Designer

Councillor — 2 June 2005 – November 2007

Ambassador — appointed November 2007

Jamie Durie is the founder and Director of Patio, Architectural Landscape and Design. He is also a television host, producer and author of seven best-selling garden and design books. A committed environmentalist and advocate for preserving our natural surroundings and environmental future, Jamie is also passionately involved in environmental and charity work.

Dr Robyn Williams AM BSc (Hons)

Science journalist and radio and television presenter
Ambassador — appointed August 2009

Robyn Williams presents Radio National's Science Show and Ockham's Razor. He is highly respected in the academic world being the first journalist elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. In 1988, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Science from the Universities of Sydney, Macquarie and Deakin. The ANU awarded him a Doctorate of Law, and he is a Visiting Professor at the University of NSW and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland. Robyn Williams has written over 10 books.

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