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## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS FOUNDATION SYDNEY

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Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation  
SYDNEY

*Conserving the world's plants for a sustainable future*



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## Overview

If the heart of Sydney is its wonderful Harbour, its lungs must surely be its beautiful Botanic Gardens.

From that moment in 1816 when Governor Lachlan Macquarie allocated the lands on the edge of Farm Cove as Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens, they have breathed life into this unique city of ours.

For that reason alone, Sydney's Botanic Gardens have a deep national significance.

The Gardens are more ... much more ... than just that beautiful place where Sydneysiders and our local and international visitors alike go to walk, run and picnic. They provide a treasure trove of our plants and their history; they help educate our young people of the role our diverse and unique flora plays in our lives; they act as a plant bank connecting our past to our future; and they are a living, breathing example to Sydneysiders of the importance of sustaining our city, our country and our planet.

## The Trust Today

The Botanic Gardens Trust is a home of collections — over 20,000 different kinds of plants in the living collection; over 9470 seed collections in the SeedBank; more than 1.2 million preserved plants in the Herbarium; and over 70,000 volumes of books and journals, archives, maps, photographs, artworks and images, some hundreds of years old, in the Library — all located within the three botanic gardens and Domain.

It is the centre of botanic and horticultural research; of public and scientific education; and the heart of much of the Sydney's cultural and recreational activity. Nearly 300 staff work as scientists, gardeners, venue managers, educators, fundraisers, librarians and administrators and in different trades across the four estates.

The Royal Botanic Gardens will be 200 in 2016. Sydney will celebrate and commemorate the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary in that year.

The Bicentenary is a milestone time to equip the Trust with the capacity to address the big issues today — loss of biodiversity, living more sustainably and plant conservation. And of course, we will continue to nurture the beauty of the Gardens that visitors love and enjoy.

The Botanic Gardens Bicentenary Campaign, Shaping our Future, is designed to engage the community and address these issues through three powerful strategies — Leading Plant Science, Sustaining Australia, and Connecting People With Plants. Each strategy has a flagship project and key projects to achieve this.

## Our Visitors

Visitors to our Botanic Gardens are real and virtual. The power of the botanic gardens in reaching out to those who cannot visit in person is strong via internet, community gardening programs, radio and print mediums. We inform, advise and entertain the community about gardening, plants, wildlife, seasons, heritage and many other topics. Over 8 million people make personal visits annually — tourists, residents, city workers, school children, lovers, athletes and culture vultures. The appeal of the Botanic Gardens and the range of services we provide is enormous.

## Our Foundation

The Foundation plays an important role in connecting people in the community with these much loved gardens. The Foundation provides opportunities for people to be close — to the Director and the Executive, to updates and information about what is happening; to be included in planning strategic initiatives and events; and to have more personal opportunities to enjoy the Gardens or see the science and research.

Those who contribute to the Gardens through the Foundation have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing their important contributions are most valuable in enhancing the research, the education, conservation, cultural and physical attributes of the Gardens — for today and into the future for the next century.

The role of the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation in the success of the Shaping our Future Campaign is large and crucial. We thank you for your support.

## Chairman's Report

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

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations providing the Foundation the ability to directly support the Trust where it is required. The Foundation has been pleased to welcome new benefactors into the Fellowship program. This growing network of philanthropic donors is the heart of the Foundation's capacity to support the important work of the Trust, particularly as we lead up to the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary in 2016. We thank you very much.

In particular, I would like to recognise our major benefactors in the past year. They are Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Mr James O. Fairfax AC, Ms Gretel Packer, Mrs Roslyn Packer AO, Allianz Australia, Mr Tony Maxwell and Ms Robyn Godlee, Mr Tom Breen and family, Anne and Kelvin Geddes and Mrs Jennifer Crivelli. Your gifts supported Youth Community Greening, Rainforest Seed Research, Heritage Statuary Conservation, Library Rare Book Cataloguing and the Seedbank of NSW.

In the past year, we were pleased to welcome new Councillors who strengthen the Foundation's networks and capacity for success. They are Daniel Baffsky, Penny Curry, Nicholas Playoust, Wayne Kingston and Tony Sherlock. We are also honoured that Robyn Williams AM accepted an invitation to be an Ambassador of the Foundation. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to retiring Councillors for their much appreciated contributions — Ian Conley and Hugh Springford, representing Friends of The Gardens. Friends President, Raoul de Ferranti, now represents the Friends at Council meetings, helping to bring the fundraising work of our two organisations closer together.

I would like to thank all Councillors for their extensive voluntary contributions. I am most grateful for their time, expertise and commitment to this role and the challenge ahead of us. It is a pleasure working with this dedicated team.

Pauline Markwell continued as Director of the Foundation, assisted by Foundation Coordinator, Sylvia Harner, and Campaign Officer (both part-time), Phoebe Ashton. Phoebe has since left and Ben Harvey is holding the fort while we recruit this position. I would like to thank all past and present members of the Foundation Office for their support and cooperation in running the business of the Foundation, organising donor events, behind the scene talks and activities, and liaison with Trust staff on the Foundation's behalf.

The year ahead is a big one. We are focused on the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary Campaign, Shaping our Future. It is a multi-faceted campaign seeking support from government, the philanthropic community, foundations, companies and the broader community. The Foundation, together with the Friends of The Gardens and the Trust, will be working to secure the support to deliver these important initiatives.

Thank you again for your most valuable support and we look forward to having you with us on this exciting journey towards 2016.

**Clive Austin**

## Foundation Director's Report

I would like to thank all our benefactors and donors for your generous support of the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation in the past year. Your gifts allow the Trust to deliver programs and projects that would not be otherwise possible.

The Foundation ran many events during the year. Honouring Charles Darwin, we held Darwin's Descendants featuring a panel of Trust scientists in conversation with Foundation Ambassador, Dr Robyn Williams and Rodney Marks as 'Charles Darwin'.

Dr James Broadbent, noted historian and Colonial plant enthusiast, gave an erudite speech on early plant contributors to the Botanic Gardens entitled 'Who did the Garden grow? Visitors were given a behind the scene tour of the Glasshouse.

Benefactors enjoyed the Trust Annual Party and annual Luncheon. Many smaller groups enjoyed activities such as guided tours of the Gardens, exhibition of our Artist in Residence, Flockton exhibition of botanical art and viewings of our Library Treasures. We were able to again offer hospitality to benefactors at the popular summer events, OpenAir Cinema and Sydney Festival concerts and performances.

I am pleased to report that the Foundation and Friends of The Gardens are working more closely together, particularly in the Botanic Bicentenary Campaign. I would like to thank the Friends for this spirit of collaboration and the opportunity to contribute to the Friends magazine, The Gardens. Foundation Fellows will continue to receive honorary Friends' membership.

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 management and staff of the Botanic Gardens Trust. It has been my pleasure to have worked with you all. Thank you.

We look forward to having you with us for another exciting year ahead as the Bicentenary Campaign steps up another notch.

***Pauline A Markwell***

## Foundation Highlights in 2010

- **The Unveiling of restored sculpture, *La Ballarina*:** 23 July 2009 with speakers Mr Julien Bickersteth, Managing Director, International Conservation services and Mr David McAllister AM, Artistic Director, The Australian Ballet, attracting significant TV and radio attention
- **Group tours and presentations** for benefactors — Pathology Laboratory by Dr Edward Liew, Artist in Residence exhibition by Jenny Pollack
- James Fairfax AC unveiled restored sculptures, ***Spring and Summer***
- **Youth Community Greening** first Garden Expo, two teacher in-service days and program expansion now reaching over 15,000 participants
- Dr Kim Hamilton presented **Rainforest Seed Conservation** research at Kew
- The **Lady (Nancy) Fairfax Walk** at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden attracted over 30,000 visitors and The Jungle Guest House proves very popular
- Janet Haywood commenced cataloguing the **Rare Book collection** funded by the Library Treasures appeal

### Successful events

- Darwin's Descendants feature ABC Science Show presenter, Dr Robyn Williams AO and Trust scientists
- Who did the Garden Grow with historian, James Broadbent staged in the Nursery
- Annual Benefactor Luncheon
- World famous children's entertainers, **The Wiggles**, agree to be Patron of the Children's Garden, a Gardens Bicentenary 2016 flagship project
- Program of **Director's Walks** commenced introducing the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary 2016 fundraising campaign to the community.

## Projects Supported in 2010

In FY 2010, the Foundation made donations to the Botanic Gardens Trust for the following projects:

### Foundation Major Projects

- Laughing Children's Garden, Mount Tomah Botanic Garden, \$48,000
- Statuary Restoration, \$51,000 — including Spring and Summer
- Youth Community Greening, \$160,000 — staffing and program delivery
- Rainforest Seed Conservation Research, \$147,000 — staffing and research delivery
- Library cataloguing, \$15,841 — staffing
- Sculpture of Cadigal Birong Tree, \$6,000
- Removal of African Olive, Mount Annan Botanic Garden, \$85,000

### Other projects

- Bench purchase and refurbishment program, \$77,463
- Tree plantings and arborial work, \$60,500
- Other projects supporting the Botanic Gardens Trust, \$13,000.

## Major Fundraising Projects

In 2010, the Foundation priorities focused on the Botanic Gardens Bicentenary Campaign flagship projects in addition to ongoing cultural, conservation and educational programs. Summary of these projects and funding status:

### A. Botanic Gardens Bicentenary Campaign flagship projects

- **PlantBank**

**Commitments:** NSW Government \$15.537M; The Ian Potter Foundation \$0.75M; other foundations and companies \$300,000

**To fund:** \$3.5M from philanthropy, foundations and companies by 2012

On the 8th June 2010 Premier Keneally and Minister Sartor announced \$15,537,000 commitment for the construction of a world-class scientific facility called PlantBank at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, to help conserve the State's flora from threats such as climate change.

PlantBank, a 2800 m<sup>2</sup> building, will be constructed over the next three years at a total cost of \$19.8 million. It will be a model of sustainable design, including thermal-efficient underground vaults where millions of seeds will be deep-frozen as the ultimate insurance policy against loss of biodiversity. It will be one of the largest seed banks in the world, and the biggest native seed bank in Australia. In addition PlantBank will house laboratories, conference facilities, nursery, office and meeting rooms and be designed for research, conservation, educational and public programs.

PlantBank will be a major visitor attraction. It is a partner to the Millennium Seed Bank, a Kew Gardens global conservation initiative.



- **'Survival Arc'** (previously included in 'Macquarie Precinct')

**Plan:** \$15M Tropical Centre

**To fund:** Seeking \$13M — NSW Government; \$2M — philanthropy and corporate by 2014

Biodiversity underpins the functioning of the ecosystems on which we depend for food and fresh water, health and recreation, and protection from natural disasters. Environmental change is occurring at rates

unprecedented in history; the United Nations Convention on Global Diversity's third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 concludes that targets set in 2002 to achieve significant reduction in the rate of biodiversity loss have not been achieved<sup>1</sup>.

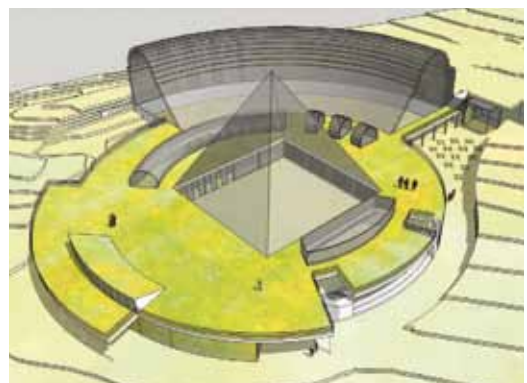
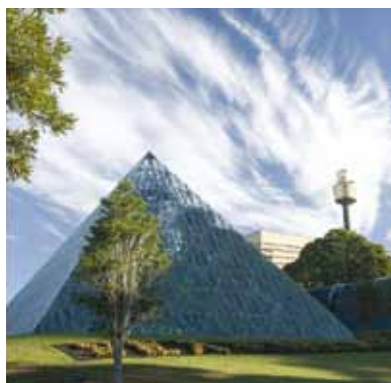
A recent survey carried out by the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, the Natural History Museum of London and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)<sup>2</sup> indicates that up to one fifth of the world's estimated 380 000 plants species are at risk of becoming extinct, and the main cause is human induced loss of habitat.

Plants are the basis for all life on earth, providing clean air, water, food and fuel; all animals and humans depend on plants. In Australia since 1788, over 55 known species of plants have become extinct — with the possibility that more have disappeared.

The 'Survival Arc' will be an inspiring multifunctional exhibition and education centre for sustainability, catering to a wide range of visitors: garden lovers, tourists, knowledge seekers. It will be created by redeveloping the Tropical Centre.

The 'Survival Arc' will be the hub of the Gardens' messages on environmental sustainability, itself being a model of efficient and sustainable design and systems.

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 glasshouses and collections. New features such as a theatrette, retail offer, public amenities and kitchen facilities and an accessible entrance will enhance its functionality and function usage.



*The Pyramid and artist's impression of redeveloped Tropical Centre, the 'Survival Arc'*

<sup>1</sup>Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2010). Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 Montreal, 94 pages. ISBN-92-9225-220-8

<sup>2</sup>Sampled Red List Index for Plants Assessments project (2010). Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, IUCN Red List and Natural History Museum of London.

The redevelopment, retaining existing architectural forms, will result in sustainable energy systems with minimal on-grid energy use, improved building design, more efficient use of water, consolidated and upgraded plant/control rooms and all ability access.

New pathways from Macquarie Street and Mrs Macquaries Road will significantly improve accessibility.

- **Southern Gateways** (previously part of 'Macquarie Precinct')  
**Plan:** \$5M  
**To fund:** Seeking \$3M — NSW Government; \$2M — philanthropy and corporate by 2014

As a monument to the Bicentenary of the Royal Botanic Gardens and to establish an entry that attracts visitors entering from the city and leads them into the riches of the Gardens, a new entrance will be created on the corner of Macquarie and Bent Streets. This entrance will link to the Tropical Centre and to the network of 'through paths' better connecting up the other popular entrances around the edges of the Gardens.

- **Wogganmagule Children's Garden**, Royal Botanic Gardens  
**Plan:** \$8 million capital cost plus endowments for horticultural and educational staff and maintenance.  
**To fund:** Seeking \$2M — NSW Government; \$6M — philanthropy and corporate by 2013

'One of the greatest gifts we can give our children through their frequent interactions with nature is the sense that they are connected to something larger than themselves' (Boehling-Philippi 2006). Exposing children to nature at an early age will assist them to grow up caring for our natural resources.

But today, they are the generation that has been described as having 'nature deficit disorder', coined by Richard Louv, in *Last Child in the Woods*. Many of them are growing up with minimal exposure to the natural world — living in high-rise buildings, attached to electronic devices, afraid of the bush, and unaware of our dependence upon plants. How do we give them the opportunity to connect with plants?

Sydney, a global city, needs a children's garden. If fully funded, this garden, with all its facilities, will rival if not surpass other leading children's gardens around the world.

**This garden will give children a sense of belonging and encourage ownership of the Gardens as their 'special space' — in the present and into the future. Executive Director, Tim Entwisle says, 'Our goal is to identify a space which allows for a range of play, gardening and learning opportunities in a safe, yet adventurous environment. The best children's gardens are those that provide informal play opportunities with natural materials, as well as meaningful, formal 'hands-on' gardening programs.'**



- **Children’s Sculpture Gardens, Mount Tomah Botanic Garden**

**Plan:** four sculpture gardens for children at a cost of \$100,000 per garden

**Commitment:** first garden, Laughing Children’s Garden was funded by Tom Breen and family; opening — 8 November 2010.

**To fund:** Second sculpture garden by 2010

Four child-scaled landscaped sculpture gardens with sculptures to engage children will be constructed. These sculptures and feature gardens will be installed sequentially in individually landscaped areas at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden.



*PodPod created by Glen Manning and Kathy Daly prior to installation at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden*

## B. RBG Foundation Cultural, Conservation and Education Projects

- **Statuary Restoration**

This financial year has witnessed significant conservation work on our bronze and marble statuary thanks to our generous benefactors.

The year began with the unveiling of La Ballarina in the Royal Botanic Gardens attended by our generous donors — Jenny Crivelli, Julie Drew and her late brother, Michael Grace, John Gale, Ian Conley and Clive Austin. La Ballarina, reinstated in her former position in the Lower Gardens, had significant restoration work including a new head and foot. The event was enlivened by speeches by David McAllister AM, Artistic Director of the Australian Ballet, and Julian Bickersteth.



*Benefactors and speakers with La Ballarina*



*Mr James Fairfax AC at the Unveiling of Spring*

In February 2010, James Fairfax AC, unveiled the statues of Spring and Summer. These allegorical statues rejoined their counterparts, Autumn and Winter, on the steps leading to the Palace Garden to complete the full set of seasons statuary for the first time in over a century. Spring had received many conservation touches to become full bodied including a new head.

Boy Extracting Thorn, another Italian marble sculpture, was also restored thanks to Jenny Crivelli and support from the Friends.

Some local Indigenous history is being carved into a once grand Forest Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*) situated east of Farm Cove. When Elizabeth Mooney approached the Trust about acknowledging the heritage of local Aboriginal people, it was agreed that this tree could be used as the base for a sculpture. The sculpture will be completed this year. Today, cockatoos nest in this grand old specimen.



*Elizabeth Mooney with Clarence Slockee, Aboriginal Education Officer*



*Polish-born sculptor Jacek Luszczuk giving Boy Extracting Thorn a new arm*

#### • Rainforest Seed Conservation Research

**Funding:** \$360,000 2008 – 2010 – Allianz Australia, Tony Maxwell & Robyn Godlee.

Seeds for the Future is a research project to save rainforest species, the most important source of plant diversity. Dr Kim Hamilton, working

with many local and international partners, has led a program collecting and testing seeds of endangered Australian rainforest species. Seed of over 100 species has been tested for tolerance to drying for seed bank storage. Where drying is not a viable method of storage, other methods such as cryostorage are tested. Ex-situ research is being done on various rainforest species for their tolerance to resist affects of climate change.

- **Youth Community Greening (YCG)**

**Funding:** \$704,000: 2007 – the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Mrs Roslyn Packer AO and another private benefactor.

This environmental education program for children and youth in disadvantaged areas continues to grow and be in strong demand from both disadvantaged and other schools. The program has reached approximately 100 schools or youth programs and included over 15,000 young people.

In November 2009 the inaugural Youth Community Greening Garden Expo was held attended by over 200 children from many programs. Classes presented displays of garden designs, produce and garden art for which prizes were awarded. Classes then took turns on stage to sing or dance — Garden Idol. It was a very successful day for teachers and students coming together.

The Royal Botanic Gardens came alive for 130 teachers from 85 schools on 2nd and 3rd March 2010 for the second annual School Garden Professional Development Day. Day One was for YCG (disadvantaged) schools and Day Two was open to other NSW schools. Fifty-five teachers from 40 disadvantaged schools participated in the YCG sponsored day.

This community-based program has expanded the number of schools and local groups it is supporting and has continued to supply horticultural equipment and lesson supplies where required. Sadly, Kathy Pflieger, the inaugural Youth Community Greening Coordinator had to return to USA during the year. The Trust appointed Felicity Foster (who did her horticultural apprenticeship at the Royal Botanic Gardens) as educational horticulturist for this program, working with Elizabeth Docking.

## Our Benefactors and Supporters

We wish to acknowledge and thank our generous benefactors and supporters — both individuals and organisations — for their gifts to the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation. Benefactors are recognised in the following programs:

Fellowship Program — Charles Darwin Fellows \$500,000 or more; Sir Joseph Banks Fellows \$100,000 – \$500,000; Joseph Maiden Fellows \$25,000 – \$100,000; Allan Cunningham Fellows \$5,000 – \$25,000; Supporters up to \$5,000.

The Fellowship Program recognises those people who have made notified bequests to the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation.

The Foundation would like to particularly acknowledge Bruce Arnott who passed away in 2010. Bruce had a passion for the Botanic Gardens and had been very generous to the Foundation, including his support for the Palace Rose Garden.

Dedication Programs — Those who have donated benches, trees or rose bushes to the Botanic Gardens.

All gifts are important to the Foundation to enable it to support the work of the Botanic Gardens Trust.

### Charles Darwin Fellows

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James O Fairfax AC  
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## About the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation

The Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation, Sydney was established in 1993 to raise funds to develop and enhance the estates and programs (scientific, conservation and educational) administered by the Botanic Gardens Trust. This purpose continues today. The Foundation operates within the guidelines of the Trust Deed established in 1993.

The RBG 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 11/07/2010 under the *Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991*. It has GST Concession and Income Tax Exemption status. The ABN is 65 037 438 220.

The Trust Deed permits up to 13 Councillors with a term of office of four years, one of whom is nominated by the Minister of the NSW Government (Dr Tim Entwisle). A maximum of 6 are nominated by the Botanic Gardens Trust and a maximum of 6 may be nominated by other Councillors. At the end of FY 2010 there were 11 Councillors.

The Foundation holds five Council and Audit, Finance and Investment Committee meetings per annum. Four Councillors are also members of the AFIC committee. Mrs Jennifer Crivelli of Ord Minnett represents the professional services of this company.

## Operational Guidelines

Foundation Council has established a subcommittee, the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee, 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, budget review and investment policy 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.
- Foundation is responsible to ensure that gifts given for specific purposes will be invested in low risk investments to best protect the principal amount of the gift. This is achieved by investing specific gifts in cash or near cash investments with the major trading banks.
- Foundation is responsible to grow the corpus of its assets in accordance with the agreed investment policy. This is achieved by regular reviews of investment options as advised by our investment advisor.

- Foundation is responsible to cover part of its administration costs, including some Foundation staff salaries. This is achieved by allocating investment income and up to 10% of funds raised. The Botanic Gardens Trust currently provides significant administration support for the Foundation. \*<sup>1</sup>

\*<sup>1</sup> [NB In July 2010, this policy was changed to: \$5,000 of a benefactor's first donation will be allocated as a donation to the Foundation Fellowship Program. The balance of the gift will be allocated to the Bicentenary Campaign or specific project according to the benefactor's interest. Benefactors will be recognised at the appropriate Fellowship level and Campaign Benefactor level. Foundation Fellowship donations will contribute to Foundation staffing and operations.]

## Councillors, Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation

**Mr Clive Austin** LL.M (Lon), FAICD

Company Director

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

Member, Audit, Finance and Investment Committee

Council Meetings attended: 5 of 5

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

Councillor appointed 16 February 2010.

Principal of 360o

Council Meetings attended: 1 of 2

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 Fiszman 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 horticultural student

Councillor appointed 16 February 2010

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\*<sup>1</sup> [NB In July 2010, this policy was changed to: \$5,000 of a benefactor's first donation will be allocated as a donation to the Foundation Fellowship Program. The balance of the gift will be allocated to the Bicentenary Campaign or specific project according to the benefactor's interest. Benefactors will be recognised at the appropriate Fellowship level and Campaign Benefactor level. Foundation Fellowship donations will contribute to Foundation staffing and operations.]

Council Meetings attended: 2 of 2

Penny Curry worked primarily as a secondary school teacher. She had assisted the Friends of The Gardens in the Artisans Exhibition. Penny is currently studying at Ryde School of Horticulture.

**Mr Richard England** FCA, MAICD.

Chartered Accountant and Company Director

Councillor appointed 11 June 2009 and Member, Audit, Finance and Investment Committee

Council Meetings attended: 4 of 5

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.

**Dr Tim Entwisle** BSc, PhD

Executive Director of Botanic Gardens Trust and New South Wales Government Botanist

Councillor – appointed November 2003; appointed Secretary January 2007

Council Meetings attended: 3 of 5

Dr Entwisle is an internationally recognised plant scientist; author of over 70 scientific publications, including three books; regular contributor to 702 ABC Sydney radio and occasional writer for popular science and nature magazines.

**Ms Sue Gazal**

Councillor – appointed 2 June 2005

Council Meetings attended: 4 of 5

Ms Gazal has been a long time supporter of the Royal Botanic Gardens through various roles of the Friends of The Gardens and volunteer guiding in the Royal Botanic Gardens.

**Mr Ronald Griffin** BEng Chem, (USyd), MBA, (UNSW)

Former Banker

Councillor – appointed 1 July 2007 and Chair, Audit, Finance and Investment Committee

Council Meetings attended: 4 of 5

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 Wayne Kingston** BA (Hons); MBA (UNSW)

Company Director

Councillor appointed 16 February 2010

Council Meetings attended: 2 of 2

Wayne is Managing Partner of Peppers & Rogers Group, Asia Pacific. For most of the 90s, Wayne was Chairman and CEO of DDB. During his decade at DDB the agency grew from no. 5 to no. 3 in Australia; DDB was selected as Agency of the Year (twice) and Wayne was appointed to the DDB Worldwide Board. Prior to joining DDB, Wayne had a long and successful career with Australia's largest locally owned agency MOJO MDA. Before embarking on his agency career, Wayne was Marketing Manager at Tooheys. Wayne is a First Class Honours graduate, University Medallist, and Rugby Blue from the University of Newcastle.

**Mr Nicholas Playoust** BSc Arch, BArch (Hons) (USyd), MAIDC  
Company Director and Executive  
Councillor appointed 15 July 2009  
Council Meetings attended: 5 of 5

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).

**Mr Tony Sherlock**  
Company Director  
Councillor – appointed 16 February 2010  
Council Meetings attended: 2 of 2

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  
Council Meetings attended: 2 of 5

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

Mr Martin 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  
Horticulturalist 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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