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Conserving the world's plants for a sustainable future

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**Opening of the Lady (Nancy) Fairfax Walk in The Jungle
Mount Tomah Botanic Garden, 23 March 2009**

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Overview

Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens is one of the great botanic gardens of the world, the oldest in Australia, and the country's first scientific institution. It has a special place in the hearts and minds of all Australians.

Beginning in 1816, the Royal Botanic Gardens has the most spectacular location of any botanic garden in the world. Together with our regional botanic gardens, it is home to more than 1.2 million preserved plants in the Herbarium and over 20,000 different kinds of plants and seeds in the living collection across the four estates and the SeedBank. In addition, the Royal Botanic Gardens Library holds 70,000 volumes of books and journals, as well as archives, maps, photographs, artworks and images, some hundreds of years old. Nearly 300 staff work as scientists, gardeners, venue managers, educators, fundraisers and librarians or volunteers across the estates.

The Trust Today

Leading up to the Bicentenary of the Royal Botanic Gardens in 2016, the Botanic Gardens Trust is embarking on its Bicentenary Campaign, *Shaping our Future*. This will be achieved through three powerful initiatives – Connecting people with plants in more meaningful ways, Being a world leader in conservation and plant research, and Inspiring future generations to make Australia sustainable. There will be a series of flagship and key projects to deliver each of these initiatives.

The knowledge and work of the Trust botanists, conservation experts, ecologists, educators and researchers is vital to many other scientists, land managers, environmental groups and individuals dedicated to preserving our biodiversity and conserving our plant species. This science also underpins the messages we give to our visitors and the value we add in shaping our future.

Our Visitors

Each year we have over 8 million visits to our Botanic Gardens and the Domain to enjoy the history, heritage, beauty, stunning horticultural and landscape displays or the recreational and cultural activities. Approximately two million are international visitors and over 20,000 are children visiting in school programs.

Visitors enjoy the peace, tranquillity and beauty of our Gardens. They come to learn about plants, gardening and how to live more sustainably. Many like to exercise or relax and enjoy family or community festivals and celebrations.

Our Foundation

The Foundation plays an important role in connecting these much loved gardens with garden lovers like you who contribute to enhancing their vitality and supporting the scientific and conservation work to tackle the big issues of today.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation is New South Wales' pre-eminent fundraiser for botanic research, conservation, education and plant display. The Foundation's vision is *to conserve the world's plants for a sustainable future* and its focus today is on the 2016 Royal Botanic Gardens Bicentenary, *Shaping our Future*.

Chairman's Report

It is with pleasure that I present the third 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. As a result, the Foundation has been most pleased to welcome new benefactors into the Fellowship program. This growing network of philanthropic supporters is core to the Foundations' capacity to significantly enhance the important work of the Trust. 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, Mrs Roslyn Packer AO and an anonymous donor for their support for Youth Community Greening; Allianz Australia, Mr Tony Maxwell and Ms Robyn Godlee for the Rainforest Seed Research; and Mr James O Fairfax, Mrs Jennifer Crivelli, John Gale, Ian Conley, Julie Drew and her brother, the late Michael Grace AM for sculpture restoration.

I am pleased to have met many of you at Foundation activities and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting those of you whom I have not yet met.

In the past year, we were pleased to welcome two new Councillors to the Foundation Board strengthening the Foundation's networks and capacity for success. They are Hugh Springford, representing Friends of The Gardens, and Richard England. Nicholas Playoust has also since joined as a Councillor. We were also honoured that Robyn Williams AM accepted to be an Ambassador of the Foundation. We were sad to see the retirement of Gretel Packer, Lesley Kernaghan and Caro Webster and are most grateful for their individual and collective contributions as Councillors. Other than Dr Entwisle, Executive Director of the Botanic Gardens Trust, all Councillors offer their services on a pro bono basis.

I am most grateful for the time and expertise each of our Councillors contribute in committing to this role and I also thank them for the support they have secured for the organisation over the past year. It is a pleasure working with this dedicated team.

Pauline Markwell continued as Director of the Foundation, assisted by a half-time Foundation Coordinators, Dimi Rayner (until her confinement) and thereafter Phoebe Ashton. I would like to thank Pauline, Dimi and Phoebe 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 regarding all of the Foundation's projects.

2010 is an exciting and challenging one as we plan the Launch of the Royal Botanic Gardens Bicentenary Campaign, *Shaping our Future*. This is the biggest fundraising initiative undertaken by the Botanic Gardens. It is a multi-faceted campaign seeking support from federal and state governments, the philanthropic community, foundations, corporates and the broader public community. Through three strategic initiatives the Botanic Gardens Trust will be equipped to tackle the big issues of today. These projects will increase the Trust's capacity to undertake vital science, conservation, education and horticulture into the next 100 years.

Thank you again for your most valuable support and we look forward to having you on this exciting journey with us in 2009.

Clive Austin

Foundation Director's Report

In the past year, the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation (RBG Foundation) has welcomed many new donors at both the Fellow and Supporter levels, growing the capacity of the Foundation's to support the Trust and its flagship projects.

In August 2008, at the Library Treasures event, guests were addressed by The Hon Mahla Pearlman AO and treated to some of the rare and wonderful books, paintings, photographs and drawings of the Library collection. Library volunteers joined staff to talk about these valuable and seldom seen collections with guests.

Foundation benefactors shared a tour of Retford Park, James Fairfax' beautiful property in the Southern Highlands, by the head gardner, James Orman in October, enjoying his knowledge and insights, the grand trees as well as the range of animals.

The Deputy Premier, Hon. Carmel Tebbutt, launched the Inaugural Breen Sculpture Competition, supported by the Breen Family for the Laughing Children's Garden at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden. Over sixty entries were received and the winning design will be installed in 2010.

Darwin's Garden was the title of Dr Tim Entwisle's thoroughly entertaining and illustrated talk in the Tropical Centre in March. As befitting this year's celebration of Darwin's birth and publication of *On the Origin of Species*, Tim spoke about Darwin's life and body of work, linking it to the work of the Trust's scientists today.

On 23rd March 2009 the Lady (Nancy) Fairfax Walk in *The Jungle* at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden was opened by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW and the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt, Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment and Climate Change. This event followed the original opening of The Jungle by 80 years to the day by the Governor of the day. The event was attended by many Foundation benefactors and supporters and staff.

Our Annual Benefactor Luncheon in the Botanic Gardens Restaurant was again well attended. Prior to lunch, Dr Tim Entwisle gave an insight into the significance of the Bicentenary of the Royal Botanic Gardens and the range of projects that will add to the capacity of the Trust to address the issues of the next 100 years.

Over the year, benefactors enjoyed Trust hospitality at OpenAir Cinema, Sydney Festival events, the Annual Party and exhibitions in the Red Box Gallery.

I would like to thank the Friends of The Gardens and the RBG Foundation, for the opportunity to run quarterly articles in their magazine, *The Gardens*, and the Lyceum Club for the opportunity to talk to their members about the Foundation.

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 plans unfold.

Pauline A Markwell

Foundation Highlights in 2009

- ❖ Expansion and success of Youth Community Greening
- ❖ Research progress of the Rainforest Seed Conservation Program
- ❖ Celebration of Robbie Burns Sculpture Conservation on Halloween
- ❖ Inaugural Breen Sculpture Competition for sculptures for children at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden
- ❖ Opening of The Jungle and the Lady (Nancy) Fairfax Walk at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden
- ❖ Library Treasures and Darwin's Garden events
- ❖ Growth of the Foundation's Fellowship and Supporter Programs.

Projects Supported in 2009

In 2009, the Foundation made donations to the Trust for the following projects:

Foundation Major Projects

- ❖ Children's Garden RBG, \$4,256
- ❖ Breen Sculpture Competition, \$1,500 – competition and judging
- ❖ Statuary Restoration, \$122,500 – 5 major bronzes and *La Ballarina*
- ❖ Youth Community Greening, \$160,000 – staffing and program delivery
- ❖ The Jungle, \$1,195,000 – purchase of property and capital works
- ❖ Rainforest Seed Conservation Research, \$60,000 – staffing and research delivery
- ❖ Community Greening, \$80,000 – staffing.

Other projects

- ❖ Bench purchase and refurbishment, tree plantings, and furniture and fittings for the Education Centre at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden.

Foundation Fundraising Priorities

In 2009, the Foundation priorities included cultural, conservation and educational programs and 2016 Bicentenary Campaign flagship projects. Summary of these projects and funding status:

Cultural, Conservation and Education Programs

- **Statuary Restoration**

Councillor – Ian Conley; Raised \$50,000; Expended \$122,500

Sculpture is part of the rich cultural heritage of the Royal Botanic Gardens. This program restores and returns damaged statuary to public display and enrich the visitor experience. In FY 2009, Robbie Burns, Levi Fountain, Mare and Foal, Huntsman and Dog and Captain Philip Fountains received conservation attention and Italian marble was imported for restoration work on *La Ballarina* and *Summer*.

Spring and Summer are currently scheduled for restoration while other sculptures - The Bather, Apollino, female with lyre, Discobolus, 5 marble urns and two sphinxes - are waiting restoration.

- **Rainforest Seed Conservation Research:** Councillor – Richard England;
Funding: \$360,000 2008 - 2010 by 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 was appointed research scientist to lead this ground-breaking research. Australian rainforest species are collected, screened and tested for their tolerance to drying for seed bank storage. Where this is not a viable method of storage, other methods are tested. Ex-situ research will be done on various rainforest species for their tolerance to resist affects of climate change.

- **Youth Community Greening (YCG)**
Funding: \$704,000 2007 - 2011 by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Mrs Roslyn Packer AO and another private benefactor.

This is an environmental education program for children and youth in disadvantaged areas, developing from its parent program, Community Greening.

Youth Community Greening has been running for 15 months since the appointment of educational horticulturist, Kathy Pflieger in May 2008. YCG now has one full time and two part-time horticultural educators [@ 2 days/week]. The program provides horticultural equipment and school lesson supplies where required. The team has made 188 visits to disadvantaged schools and youth programs; provided 271 learning sessions reaching 5587 participants in 60 different schools (exceeding our early target of 50 schools) and youth programs (35 being new). YCG held a very successful Teacher In-service attended by 83 teachers from 50 schools (37 of which were new). Students will participate in YCG Expo in November 2009.

2016 Bicentenary Campaign flagship projects – *Shaping our Future*

- **Survival Arc** (previously called Macquarie Precinct): Councillor - John Taberner;
Target estimated \$tba

As an educational facility about sustainability, the Tropical Centre will undergo a major refurbishment and development to showcase and inspire design and environmental sustainability. The facilities of the building will be improved to increase functionality and to provide educational and environmental learning. It is proposed to run a design competition for the Survival Arc to capture the most innovative ideas.

Associated features linking to the Survival Arc include a treetop viewing platform and new pathways to enhanced entrances along the western and eastern boundaries of the Royal Botanic Gardens. These entrances will significantly improve accessibility and aesthetics.

- **Children's Garden, Royal Botanic Gardens**
Target \$8.5 million with \$3 million endowment for annual horticultural and educational staffing and maintenance. Initial contributions have been received.

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**
\$100,000 per sculpture garden; first garden, Laughing Children's Garden is funded.

Four landscaped sculpture gardens with unique sculptures to engage children with the Garden will be selected through a national competition. These feature sculptures will be installed in separately landscaped areas at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden. The second Sculpture Competition will be run in later 2010.

- **PlantBank**
Councillors – Nicholas Playoust and Richard England;
Required funding \$20 million

PlantBank will be an innovative and inspiring plant research, education and conservation facility, reaching out to scientists worldwide and engaging the wider community in science and environmental sustainability. It will be the permanent location for the SeedBank of NSW, a secure repository for Australian species and our 'environmental insurance plan'. PlantBank will be located at Mount Annan Botanic Garden.

- **Australian Native Rockery**
Councillor – Tim Entwisle; Target \$350,000

The two million visitors passing through the Queen Elizabeth II Gates near the Opera House will see this arresting display of unique, colourful Australian flora. The Rockery is highly visible from the water too. With dramatic plantings and stimulating signage, visitors will learn about the conservation of our unique flora and water.

The Rockery will feature signature dry stone walls, a network of paths, lighting and seats to improve structure and accessibility to the garden. The garden will be planned to require minimal maintenance.

Our Benefactors and Supporters

We wish to acknowledge and thank these generous people and organisations that have made contributions to the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation, as benefactors (Fellows) or supporters. We are now pleased to recognise those who have donated benches or trees to the Gardens within the Foundation. All gifts are important to the Foundation being able to support the work of the Botanic Gardens Trust.

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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 and periodically modified.

The RBG Foundation is a charitable Fund endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and 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 4 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 2009 there were 8 Councillors.

Four Councillors are volunteering their services to the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee which meets five times per annum, immediately prior to the Council meetings. Mrs Jennifer Crivelli of Ord Minnett also volunteers her service to this committee representing the professional services of this company.

Operational Guidelines

- Foundation's investment policy is:
 - Foundation property will be invested to perform against market indices.
 - Investment will take into account an appropriate spread of risk in relation to sector, time frame and geography.
 - Foundation property will be managed to build a corpus of funds, in line with the direction of the Foundation.

- Foundation will ensure all gifts are used for the purpose for which they were given
- Foundation follows prudent governance procedures such as approving expenditure, issuing of cheques and approval of Councillor benefits to ensure good guardianship of benefactor gifts and Foundation assets
- Investment income is used to cover the salary costs of the Foundation Coordinator (currently a half time position)
- Up to 10% of funds raised may be allocated to cover administration costs of the Foundation including salary of the Foundation Director. Botanic Gardens Trust currently provides administration funds for RBG Foundation.
- Until the Foundation obtains sufficient donations to provide sufficient contributions to cover its own administrative expenses, the Trust will cover this shortfall.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation would like to formally thank Ord Minnett for its funds management advice and services to the Foundation.

Councillors, Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation

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

Council Meetings attended: 3 of 4

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 Ian Conley BSc (Hons) Mathematics, University of Exeter, UK; GAICD

Company Director and investor

Councillor – reappointed 25 November 2006; Member, Audit, Finance and Investment Committee

Council Meetings attended: 3 of 4

Mr Conley is a private equity investor and director on small NFP organisations and a biometrics company. He has an international consulting background.

Mr Richard England FCA, MAICD.

Chartered Accountant and Company Director

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

Mr England practiced 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 Healthscope Limited.

Council Meetings attended: 0 of 0. Mr England joined late in the financial year.

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: 4 of 4

Dr Entwisle is an internationally recognised plant scientist; author of over 70 scientific publications, including three books; regular contributor to 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 4

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

Banker
Councillor – appointed 1 July 2007; Chair of Audit, Finance and Investment Committee
Council Meetings attended: 4 of 4

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

Mrs Lesley Kernaghan BA, DipEd

Councillor – appointed November 2006; resigned 2 May 2009
Council Meetings attended: 3 of 3

Ms Kernaghan has held both professional IT and voluntary philanthropic roles in the not-for profit sector and computing and communications worlds.

Ms Gretel Packer

Philanthropist and board director
Councillor – appointed 2 June 2005; resigned May 2009
Council Meetings attended: 2 of 3

Ms Packer is actively involved in various not for profit and community organisations including the Taronga Foundation and The Royal Hospital for Women Foundation. She has a strong interest in environmental, education and community issues.

Mr Hugh Springford B.Com (Otago) FCA (retired)

Retired Accountant
Councillor – appointed 1 January 2009, representing Friends of The Gardens
Council Meetings attended: 2 of 2

Mr Springford is the Treasurer of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens, and of Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW). Before retiring in 2000 he was a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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

Practising Solicitor
Councillor – appointed 1 July 2007
Council Meetings attended: 2 of 4

Mr Taberner 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.

Mrs Caroline Webster

Freelance horticultural journalist and writer
Councillor – appointed 2 June 2005; resigned 1 December 2008
Council Meetings attended: 0 of 2

Mrs Webster has worked in advertising, politics, publishing and ran her own marketing consultancy. She is a freelance writer and was President of Friends of The Gardens.

President

Mr Greg Martin BEc, LLB, MAICD, FAIM

Company Director and Executive, Chair of Botanic Gardens 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.

Ambassador

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.

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