



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Dear member

The Annual General Meeting of Open Gardens Canberra Incorporated will be held on Monday 14 September 2026 at The Loft, Raiders Club, 1 Liardet St, Weston, commencing at 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the meeting when you will have the opportunity to interact informally with Committee members and like minded garden lovers.

Please note you must be a financial member to participate in the AGM and/or to accept nomination for the Committee.

2025-26 has been an exceptional year for us, with many wonderful gardens open for inspiration and admiration. We are a regional organisation, not simply restricted to Canberra and over the years we have had many gardens open in NSW – from Bungendore to Yass, Burra to Bywong, Queanbeyan to Wallaroo. We also supported two inspirational future horticulture leaders studying at the Canberra Institute of Technology and we funded four community gardening projects.

Before the meeting, do take a moment to look at our website www.opengardenscanberra.org.au for information about Open Gardens Canberra and our forthcoming Spring program.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's AGM. And if you are interested in being on our friendly and supportive committee – let me know!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at president@opengardenscanberra.org.au if you have any questions or comments, otherwise I look forward to saying hello at the AGM.

Regards
Len Dowling
President



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

1. Welcome to the AGM
2. Consideration of the [minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 September 2025](#)
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's report and consideration of the audited accounts for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
5. Election of office-bearers and ordinary Committee members
6. Meeting close

****REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE LOFT ROOM AFTER THE MEETING – PLEASE DO STAY FOR A CHAT!****

NEXT STEPS – PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE OR LET US KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T BE THERE

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and informally afterwards. To confirm your attendance (and also whether you will be staying on afterwards) please notify the Secretary, by 7 September, by email to

secretary@opengardenscanberra.org.au

If you would like further information, please contact the Secretary, Margaret Sewell, at the above email address.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT NOMINATING FOR THE COMMITTEE?

THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is primarily concerned with the governance and active management of Open Gardens Canberra in accordance with our rules. This includes the oversight and actual conduct of financial management, maintaining membership records, garden selection, administration of grants to community and other organisations in our regions and scholarships we provide to the Canberra Institute of Technology, equipment maintenance, publicity and coordinating volunteers. We rely heavily on email, so committee members need to have access to this. We do not have employees and so all functions are carried out by Committee members or volunteers. The Committee generally meets around ten times a year with meetings normally held on a Monday either during the day or in the evening to accommodate our working members.

OFFICE BEARERS

There are 4 office bearers (the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary) and currently up to 12 ordinary committee members. All positions are declared vacant at the AGM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are seeking people who can actively assist with roles such as garden selection, open garden coordination, secretariat services, grant and scholarship administration, publicity, website management, social media, equipment coordination, etc and encourage members to consider joining this active and friendly team.

THE TERM OF THE COMMITTEE

The new Committee will commence its work on Monday 14 September 2026 and end at the conclusion of the 2027 Annual General Meeting.

Please complete a [nomination form](#) (attached, and also available at the meeting) if you are interested in joining the Committee. You do not have to have a nominator or seconder locked in – we can do this at the meeting.



NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE 2026-2027

I,, nominate

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(please print)

for the position of:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice-President
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Ordinary Committee member (up to 12 positions)

of Open Gardens Canberra for the period commencing at the conclusion of the 2026 Annual General Meeting or at a date agreed between the nominee and the President, and ending at the conclusion of the 2027 Annual General Meeting of the association.

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Signature of nominator

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Name of seconder (please print)

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Signature of seconder

I agree to be nominated, am a member of Open Gardens Canberra and agree to abide by the rules of the association.

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Signature of nominee

Note: Nominators, seconders, nominees and committee members must be financial members of Open Gardens Canberra.