



Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra

Treasurers Report

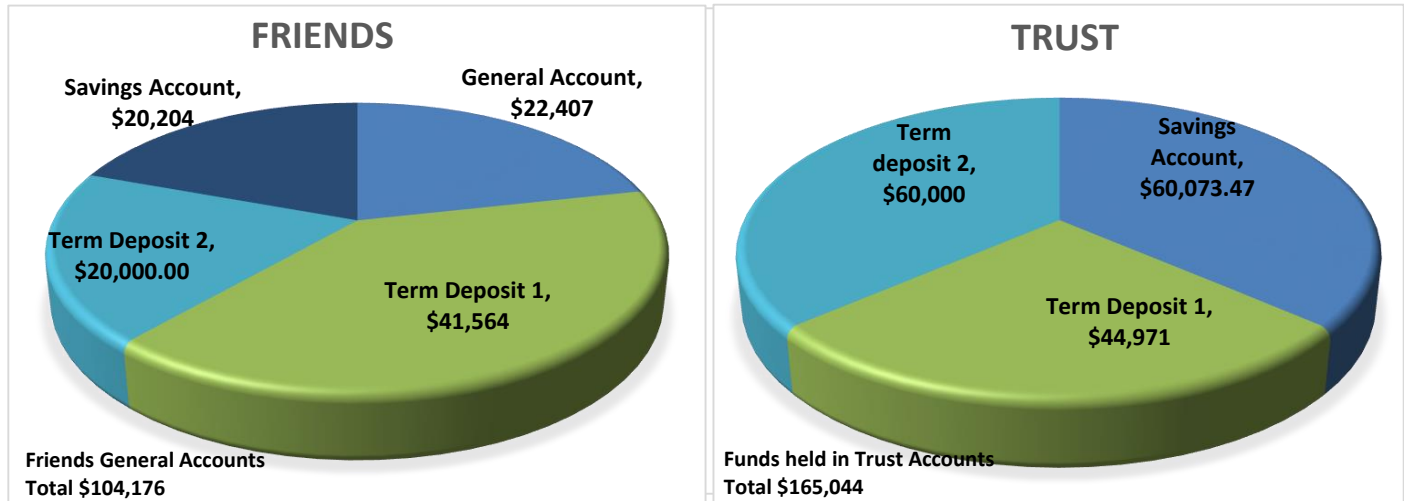
For Financial Year Ending 31 December 2023

Funds held in Bank Accounts

As at the 31st December 2023 the Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra had a balance of \$104,176 in funds at the Bank. \$22,407 in the Friends Working account, \$20,204 in the Friends Savings account, \$441,564 in our 1st Term Deposit and \$20,000 in the 2nd Term Deposit.

The National Arboretum Canberra Trust held \$165,044 - \$60,073 held in the Trust general transaction account, \$44,971 in our 1st Term deposit and \$60,000 in a 2nd Term Deposit.

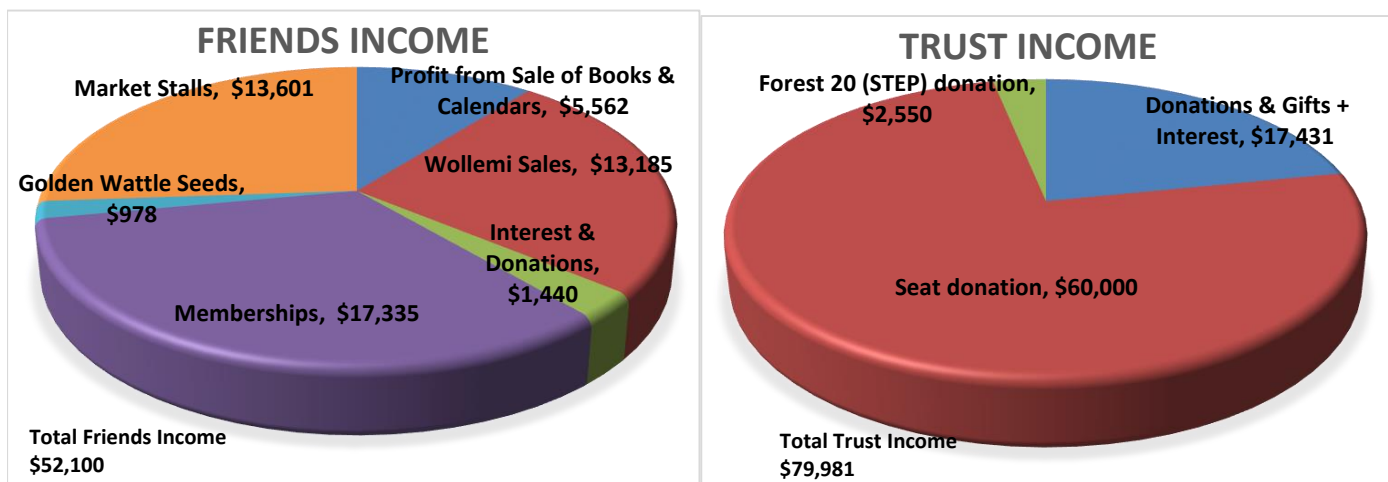
Breakdown of funds held at bank



Income

The Friends total income for the year January - December 2023 was \$52,100. With the majority coming from Market Stalls - \$13,601, Wollemi Sales - \$13,185, Memberships \$17,335 and Profit from Sales of Calendars & Books \$5,562.

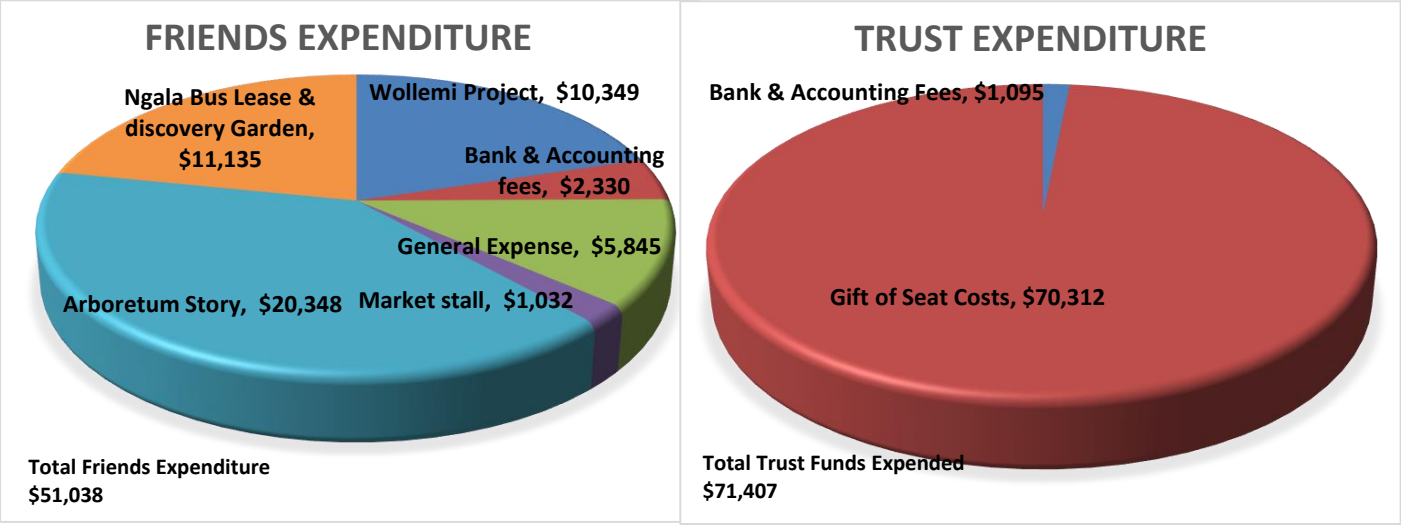
Total donations to The National Arboretum Canberra Public DGR2 Trust amounted to \$79,981 with \$60,000 coming from seat donations; \$17,431 from General Donations and Interest and, \$2,550 as Donations to Forest 20 (Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park).



Expenditure

Total operating expenditure for the Friends for January - December 2023 came to \$551,038. This included donations to the National Arboretum Canberra for the payment of the Ngala Bus Lease - \$10,885 & to the Discovery Garden of \$250 = \$11,135, The Arboretum Story Project \$20,348, Market Stall Expenses \$1,032, General Expenses \$5,845, Bank & Accounting Fees \$2,330.

National Arboretum Canberra - DGR2 Trust fund gifted funds to the National Arboretum Canberra DGR1 Fund of \$70,312 for the provision of funds for the purchase and installation costs for seats & picnic settings. Total TRUST expenditure including Bank & Accounting fees amounted to \$71,407



Summary

At the end of the Friends 2023 Financial year The Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra made an overall profit \$1,062 while the National Arboretum Canberra Public Trust fund increased its funds by \$8,573.

In 2023 the Friends realised their project to cronicle the Story of the National Arboretum Canberra, which was ready for launch during the 10th Anniversary celebrations of the National Arboretum in 2023. The initial launch however did not include an interview with one of the key people instrumental in the establishment of the National Arboretum due to his unavailability. Arrangements have been made to include this with an updated final version to be made available once this is complete. Total expenditure for this project so far amounted to \$20,348, with another payment of \$5,491 on conclusion of the final version. The final total will be \$32,980 which is slightly over the initial budget of \$30,000

The Friends also continued their committment to fund the 5 year lease of the Ngala bus at a cost of \$10,885 per year and funds were provided by the TRUST to fund the cost of Bench Seats and Picnic Settings under the Seat Sponsorship Program.

These funds are being provided in keeping with the Friends Mission to provide the National Arboretum Canberra with funds to enhance and develop the Arboretum and to help the public to engage with the establishment and growth of the Arboretum.

Overall at the conclusion of 2023 the Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra continue to maintain a healthy financial position with overall equity of \$116,251. The National Arboretum Canberra Public Trust of which the Friends are the Trustees also continues to maintain a healthy financial position with an overall equity of \$166,199. With their ongoing major projects now having been mostly finalised The Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra are exploring future opportunities to support the National Arboretum Canberra.

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