

BGANZ Council and Council Membership.

Members often ask: How do I get to be a member of BGANZ Council?

If you are interested in a position on Council, please contact your Council representative in your State or Territory (Australia) or Council representatives in New Zealand. Email contact details below.

Further details of Council positions, relevant BGANZ Constitution are detailed below.

BGANZ Council Membership and Contact details

Council representation for 2019 – 21 is as follows: (tenure is 6 years)

BGANZ Council 2019-21

	Member	Council Position	Contact	Representative	Start Date
1	Chris Russell	President	chris.russell@rbg.vic.gov.au	Victoria	2017
2	Helen McHugh	Treasurer	helen.mchugh@environment.gov.au	ACT	2019
3	Wolfgang Bopp	VP (New Zealand)	Wolfgang.bopp@ccc.govt.nz	NZ	2019
4	Greg Bourke	(VP Australia)	greg.bourke@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au	Co-opted Australia	2015
5	Bede Nottingham		bede.nottingham@ccc.govt.nz	NZ	2015
6	Prue Pettett		prue.pettett@brisbane.qld.gov.au	BGANZQ	2019
7	Leonie Scriven		l.scriven@sa.gov.au	South Australia	2018
8	Julia Watson		julia.watson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz	Co-opted NZ (BGEN)	2017
9	Grady Brand		grady.brand@bgpa.wa.gov.au	Western Australia	2017
10	David Reid		david.reid@rtbg.tas.gov.au	Tasmania	2017
11	Scott Pullyblank		scott.pullyblank@nt.gov.au	Northern Territory	2017
12	Gary Davies		gary.davies@rtbg.tas.gov.au	Capital City	2018
13	Dr. Lucy Sutherland		lucy.sutherland@sa.gov.au	Capital City	2018
14	John Arnott		john.arnott@rbg.vic.gov.au	Co-opted Australia	2019
15	Paul Tracey		ptracey@wollongong.nsw.gov.au	Immediate Past President	2019

How and when is BGANZ Council Membership elected?

- BGANZ Council has a maximum 16 positions available.
- Council members are appointed for two years. (Oct 2019- Oct 2021)
- Council Members are nominated by Regional Groups, or State membership before the BGANZ AGM. **Council is informed prior to the AGM** and nominations are officially appointed at the BGANZ AGM 2021.
- Council Membership has a six-year limit. (Exceptions outlined below)

How do I get elected to Council if I'm a member of a BGANZ Institutional Member?

In short members should contact their Regional Group Chair and/or State or Territory Council Representative ([List](#)) and express interest well ahead of BGANZ AGM, October 2021.

In more detail. FAQ's

How do I get elected to Council if I'm an Individual or Associate Member? (See Councillor at Large below.)

How is the President, VP and Treasurer roles appointed? – Selected by Council.

Who should I contact if I wish to join the Council in October 2021? State Representative or Email: secretariat@bganz.org.au

[BGANZ Constitution](#) (relevant sections also below.)

Council Membership

All positions are for 2 years and have a maximum tenure of 6 years unless stated.

- Australia State and Territory: (8 Members)
- New Zealand (2 members):
- Capital City Gardens Australia (2 members)
- Councillor at Large (1 member)
- Immediate Past President (1 member)
- Co-opted Members (1 or 2 positions available, depending on allocations above.)

I am a member of a BGANZ Institutional Member, how can I get elected?

State and Territory Positions Australia: (8 positions)

Each Australian Regional Group, (Victoria, NSW, Queensland) has one Council position elected by the Regional Group members. Where no formal regional group exists, (ACT, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and West Australia), these positions are ordinarily appointed by BGANZ membership in each State or Territory. Please contact your Regional Group Chair or your State and Territory representative for more information. Regional Groups usually nominate their Council asap in 2019. **BGANZ Council is informed of the decision ahead of the BGANZ AGM 2019 and nominations are officially appointed at the AGM.**

New Zealand Regional Group: (2 positions)

New Zealand has two Council positions. BGANZ-NZ is funded by the 6 major gardens and the Council representatives are drawn only from those six gardens.

One of two BGANZ Council NZ representatives will also be BGANZ Vice-President New Zealand.
BGANZ Council are informed of this decision prior to BGANZ October 2021 AGM.

Capital City Membership (2 Positions):

Capital City Heads of Botanic Gardens (CHABG) has a maximum of two Council positions. The two CHABG positions are selected by CHABG and ***BGANZ is informed of the decision prior to BGANZ AGM 2021.***

Councillor at Large (1 position)

A Councillor-at-Large nominated by the representatives of Associate members and Individual members. Members wishing to nominate for this position please contact secretariat@bganz.org.au

The Immediate Past President. (1 position)

Co-opted Members. (Maximum of 2 positions. If all positions above is occupied then only 1 Co-opted Member position is available.)

Co-opted Members shall be persons invited by the Council to join the Council, with a maximum of two Co-opted Members of Council serving at the one time. Members may ask Council to be nominated for a position prior to the 2021 AGM. Council appoint Co-opted Members. Interested? Contact secretariat@bganz.org.au

Relevant sections of the BGANZ Constitution ([You can view and/or download the BGANZ Constitution here.](#))

10. Governance of the Organisation

- 10.1 A Council conducts the affairs of the Association. The Council must have a maximum of 15 members and comprise:
- (a) One regional representative from each Australian State and Territory nominated by the regional group or groups in those Australian States and Territories in which such groups exist.
 - (b) In any Australian State or Territory where there is no formal regional group, one regional representative nominated by institutional members located in the relevant State or Territory.
 - (c) Two representatives from New Zealand botanic gardens nominated by regional group or groups in New Zealand;
 - (d) A maximum of two members nominated by the Capital-city Gardens.
 - (e) A Councillor- at-Large nominated by the representatives of Associate members and Individual members
 - (f) The Immediate Past President.
- 10.2 The Officers shall be elected by and from the Council members for a term not exceeding two years by the Council members and shall be:
- (a) the President,

- (b) two Vice-Presidents, one each from Australia and New Zealand,
 - (c) an Officer combining the roles of Secretary/Treasurer.
- 10.3 Co-opted Members shall be persons invited by the Council to join the Council, with a maximum of two Co-opted Members of Council serving at the one time. This number does not include co-opted Office holders appointed under sub-clause 11.2.
- 10.4 The Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, which shall be entitled to conduct the business of the Association between meetings of the Council.

11. Term of Office

- 11.1 Council members must be elected or appointed for terms of up to two years and if re-elected or re-appointed, will be eligible to serve for a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- 11.2 If a casual vacancy occurs in the Council, the Council may co-opt a person to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed holds office, subject to these rules, until such time as the vacated position has been filled in accordance with sub-clause 10.1.
- 11.3 Co-opted Members may be members of the Council for a term extending from the annual general meeting at or after which they are invited to join the Council until the annual general meeting in the succeeding year, when their term may be extended by the other members of the Council.