



# do you care about the pinnacle?

The Friends of the Pinnacle - **fotpin** - is a dedicated group of local residents committed to protecting, conserving and caring for The Pinnacle Nature Reserve.

We are a well organised and resourceful group, determined to make an enduring improvement to your beautiful local nature reserve. Our website is **[www.fotpin.org.au](http://www.fotpin.org.au)**



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## What we have achieved

Our group is comprised of some 47 members. We have an ambitious agenda to improve the reserve. This includes continuing to implement our draft *Community Weed Management Plan*, a document which guides our efforts to control weeds in the reserve and highly invasive weeds nearby.

We have at our core a dedicated team of weekday weeders, as well as weekend groups, that collectively put in 943 hours effort during 2010-11 slashing, spraying and hoeing weeds across the reserve. We closely monitor our weeding efforts so that we can track the effectiveness of our controls and learn as we go.

We work closely with the ACT Government on a joint program to control rabbits. We conducted rabbit warren mapping and activity assessments in August and March

to inform the effectiveness of the ACT's control program. Supervised by ACT Government experts, we conducted the first kangaroo survey of the reserve and adjacent lands in early May. As time permits, we are undertaking erosion surveys of creeks, tracks and soils across the reserve and adjacent public lands with a view to preparing a land and water conservation plan. We are also concerned about the impacts of fire and fuel load management at the reserve.

And there is still more to do. We will be conducting planting days, (check out our Spring Program) as part of a Revegetation Trial and will be developing a *Rehabilitation Plan* to guide natural regeneration and planting activities. Our website provides detailed up to date information on our projects and activities.

# What are our plans?

Our major commitment in 2011-12 is implementing the *Native Grass Restoration Project*. Funded by the ACT and Federal Governments and the Canberra Labor Club, to a total of more than \$52,000, this project examines ways of battling exotic grasses and restoring native groundcover to grassy woodland ecosystems, such as at The Pinnacle Nature Reserve. Restoring the native groundlayer is a major challenge to enhancing woodlands in our reserve and elsewhere in south-eastern Australia. We will be very busy with this project in Spring and Autumn through to the end of 2013.

In May this year the ACT Government announced a *Woodlands Restoration Plan*, and that funding would be delivered to priority woodland corridors in and

around Canberra. Fotpin, Friends of Aranda Bushland and Friends of Mt Painter are combining resources to develop and implement a restoration plan across the Belconnen Hills (Black Mountain to the Molonglo River via Kama). This Plan will be a key priority for us in 2011-12, and will see extensive tree and shrub plantings in the Bottom Pinnacle and North Kama.

We have also approached the ACT Government suggesting nearby parcels of land known as the "Bottom Pinnacle" and "North Kama" be included in the nature reserve. We have also proposed that a focal point or park care facility for outdoor environmental education, fotpin activities and environmental restoration studies be established on the North Kama property.



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## We invite new members

We welcome new volunteers and members. Our field activities include weekday and weekend weeding parties, monitoring rabbit warrens, an annual kangaroo survey, assessing erosion risk and implementing our grass restoration project. Very soon we will be undertaking broad acre planting activities as part of the ACT Government's Woodlands Strategy.

We invite you to join us for one of our guided walks at The Pinnacle every third Saturday of the month, and to take part in our Spring and Autumn walks and events program. It's a chance to enjoy this beautiful reserve with people in your local community. Keep an eye on our website for opportunities and details and more information about the Pinnacle Nature Reserve.

### Spring 11 program: upcoming events

**Spring Planting Day** – Sunday October 9, 8.30 to midday, morning tea provided. Meet at the Dungowan St entrance, Hawker.

**Wildflowers and Grasses** – Third Saturday Walk, October 15, 9am. Meet at the Dungowan St entrance, Hawker.

**Birding and nesting** – Sunday October 23, 8.30 am. Meet at the Dungowan St entrance, Hawker.

**Great Walk to the River** – Saturday November 5, 10am – 3pm approx. Meet at the Dungowan St entrance, Hawker and walk to the Molonglo River to meet Adrian Brown Ngunnawal Park Ranger.

**Imaging Connections: Photographic workshop** – Sunday November 20 with Andrew Trousdell at The Pinnacle.

For more information on our events go to our website [www.fotpin.org.au](http://www.fotpin.org.au) or contact [fotpin@internode.on.net](mailto:fotpin@internode.on.net)



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