

Pinnacle Nature Reserve Interpretive Signs

Concept Outline



Value Proposition:

The Pinnacle Nature Reserve, as part of the Canberra Nature Parks network, has a high degree of interest and usage by many people. This interest will be enhanced by permanent and informative signage in suitable places across the Reserve.

Pinnacle Nature Reserve:

The Reserve located on the border of the suburb of Hawker bounded by Springvale Drive, Coulter Drive and William Hovell Drive in the Belconnen area. More details can be found on the FOTPIN website¹.

Concept Proposal:

To consider the feasibility of suitable signage around and throughout the Pinnacle Nature Reserve for the benefit of visitors to the Reserve.

Terms of Reference

To review current signage in place at the Pinnacle and similar Reserves across Canberra and other locations, and to provide a proposal for consideration by the FOTPIN Coordinating Committee and members.

Assumptions:

The assumptions underpinning this proposal are as follows:

1. Signage will be provided that is easily accessible to all using the Pinnacle Reserve;
2. This signage will include photographs, text and QR (quick response) codes²;
3. Funding will be considered after a suitable proposal is in place;
4. Parks and Conservation Services will be involved throughout the development and implementation of the proposal; and
5. Copyright for all text and photographs will be acknowledged.

Limitations:

There will be a few limitations. These are summarised below:

1. Funding will be determined on the extent of the proposal and funds available from as yet unknown sources;
2. The size of each sign will be determined based on its location and functionality. It is expected that large signs will be limited to about three at suitable places, and QR codes used across the Reserve only in pertinent places; and
3. Agreement will need to be given to enable QR codes to link to pertinent websites.

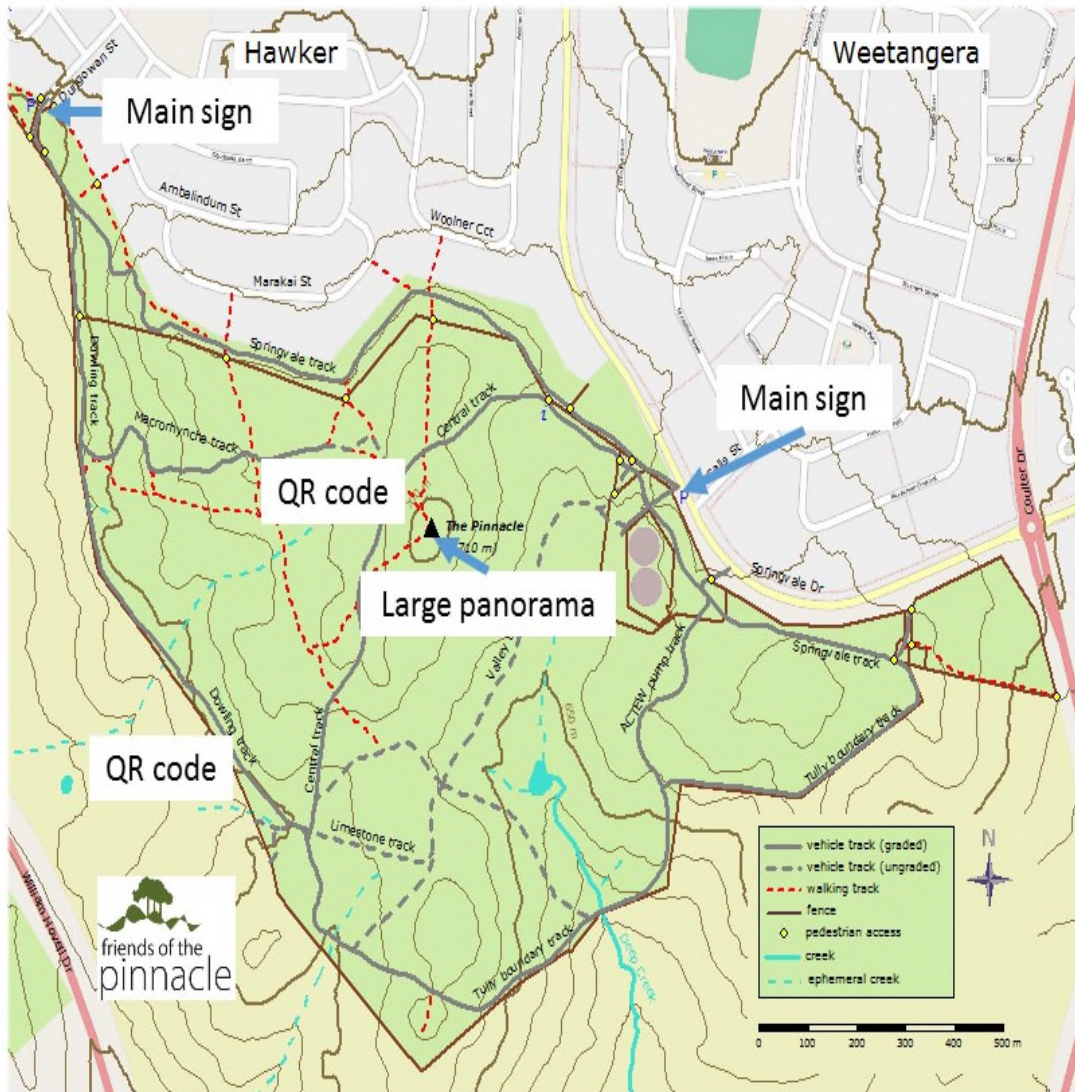
¹ http://www.fotpin.org.au/index_quick.html

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QR_code

Signage Proposal:

Location: -

1. It is proposed that two main signs be erected at the main entry points (De Salis Street entrance and Dungowan Street entrance) with a further major sign (large panorama) at the summit of the Pinnacle itself.
2. These signs will contain photos, text and QR codes;
3. QR codes be displayed at two to four suitable sites within the Pinnacle Reserve;
4. These would include suitable locations overlooking the Pinnacle Extension area, Macrorhynche and other tracks (refer map below)



Examples of signs that can be considered:

Main Sign:-

Consider the following examples

MS1



MS2



MS3



MS4



Large Panorama:

LP1





QR codes (attached to a post or on the fence):



Suggested content :-

Main signs :

These will be located close to main public access and gain the most exposure to users of the Reserve. Therefore, they should contain the most general knowledge information. For example:-

1. Panels outlining the following information:
 - a. Geological history of the area;
 - b. The history of the first people who occupied this area;
 - c. Early European settlement and farming activities;
 - d. Current activities and management of the Reserve along with future plans;
 - e. Details of FOTPIN; and
 - f. Comments on flora and fauna management within the Reserve.
2. An example is shown below.



Large Panorama :-

This sign would be located on the Pinnacle itself. It would show the panorama and identify salient features. A small narrative would accompany the photos and enhance information provided on the main signs.

Good examples from Mt Painter are shown above as LP1 and LP2.

QR codes:-

These codes would be placed on all signs and relate to the information provided in print. They would provide smart phone users direct linkage to pertinent web pages.