



Annual General Meeting *23rd July 2017* *Weetangera Primary School* **Minutes**

The meeting opened at 2.05 pm.

Present:

Members: Barbara Allan, Warren Bond, John Brannan, John Fitz Gerald, Lesley Harland, Margo Hellyer, Bob Hodgson, Gilbert Hughes, Graeme Muller, Elizabeth Smith, Keith Thomas, Wendy Whitham, Alana Wilkes (with baby Alice), Scott Wilkinson, Penny Lockwood

Non-members: Nola McKeon, Angela Calliess

PCS: Chris Lambert and Kirsty Babington.

Apologies:

Members: Denise Hall, Len Taylor, and Mark Hallam (PCS rangers left after the guest speaker had finished, to attend to an injured kangaroo)

Welcome by the Convenor

The convenor welcomed members and PCS representatives, and thanked them for attending. He also acknowledged and paid respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, their elders' past and present, who have cared for this part of the land from time immemorial.

Thanks were also extended to the Weetangera Primary School for enabling this meeting occur in their premises.

He then introduced Angela Calliess, Operations Manager for the ACT and Regional NSW, Greening Australia.

Angela spoke on the work of Greening Australia and how it has been in existence for 35 years. She emphasised that it was an apolitical and not-for-profit organisation as well as being a registered charity. Greening Australia has 130 staff nationally with a mix of full time and casual staff in Canberra.

Within the ACT, Greening Australia works with the ACT Government and ICON Water on local and scoping projects, with parkcare groups, and contractors. A good example of local project is the Ginninderry development in West Belconnen.

Last year the Greening Australia ACT group worked across a wide region of NSW (Western Sydney to Boorowa, to Hay to Balranald to some parts of South Australia) on many projects (e.g. planting 20 million trees in National Parks across Western NSW). The Green Amy helped in this a great deal.

Within the ACT, Greening Australia worked with ACT Wilderness and ACT Parks (<https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/news/tag/ACT>), working with Landcare and Parkcare groups. A major emphasis is the connecting communities and conservation.

Its key work includes the following:

- Shelter belts and corridors;
- Seed production;
- Planting in the community;
- Rehabilitation of Snowy Hydro sites;
- Whole of paddock rehabilitation;
- Monaro tree comeback (combating dieback problems);
- Supporting Parkcare groups with resources and information;
- Working with PCS and the ANU to restore understorey in bush areas such as Kama Nature Reserve; and
- Restoring native grasses in new development areas.

John Brannan proposed a vote of thanks to Angela for her informative presentation with wide support from the meeting.

1. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Warren Bond moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Seconded: Elizabeth Smith. Accepted unanimously.

2. Convenor's Report

John Brannan, presented a verbal report. It included the following:

- a) Main activity was weed control. This appears to have been quite effective with PCS officers indicating that it had been done very well. Unfortunately, neighbouring areas are not quite as good. (A summary of the [last 12 months weeding activities](#) can be found on the FOTPIN website).
- b) Understorey rehabilitation in selected areas by slashing oat grass to prevent seeding, daubing broadleaf weeds and seeding with native grasses, as proposed by Len Taylor. Assistance is required here and those interested can contact John Brannan.
- c) Revegetation with plantings being proposed for late spring in the Bottom Pinnacle.
- d) A work party is being proposed for August to remove old tree guards – John Brannan to be in touch when this is planned.
- e) Canberra Nature Map now includes many new pictures taken at the Pinnacle by fotpin member Alison Milton.
- f) Interpretive sign project continues with PCS proposing to provide orientation signage at the Springvale Drive and Dungowan Street entrances – with limited information.
- g) Pipeline progress. The course has been finalised with FOTPIN input, however, it is not expected to go to tender until around Christmas and actual work will presumably not start until sometime next year.
- h) 25th Anniversary Parkcare bench is in place at the Pinnacle.
- i) A Facebook page is being investigated. Margo Hellyer and Warren Bond are compiling a survey to gauge member's additional communication requirements (over and above the current newsletter and website).
- j) PCS clothing was available for people interested.

3. Issues Raised by Members

- Controlled burns – anything scheduled? Nothing at present;
- Tree marking – why? No explanation given on why some trees are marked, but probably to protect certain trees during any controlled burns.
- African Lovegrass in Springvale Drive – this is not handled by PCS, and Transport Canberra City Services is responsible – little FOTPIN can do about this, but will continue to look for opportunities to request better control.
- Kangaroo cull – No numbers have yet been received from PCS.,.
- Notice board damage during kangaroo cull – posters have been removed but nothing done yet about and the sticky remnants; Elizabeth Smith is looking into it.
- What is proposed to be done about Saffron Thistles in North Kama? – we do not have sufficient resources to control this area at present, but a buffer along the Reserve boundary was slashed this season and will be repeated next season.

4. Treasurer's Report

Warren Bond presented the [audited financial statement for 2016-17](#) on behalf of Denise Hall (see apologies). Warren Bond moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; seconded Elizabeth Smith Accepted.

5. Stand-down of the current Coordinating Committee:

Members of the 2016 -17 Coordinating Committee stood down in accordance with meeting rules and positions were declared vacant.

6. Election of new Coordinating Committee by show of hands

Barbara Allan volunteered to act as Returning Officer, and called for nominations from the floor for the vacant positions.

The following office holders and ordinary members were nominated and elected unopposed.

Convenor: John Brannan

Nominated: Elizabeth Smith; Seconded: Bob Hodgson

Coordinator: Warren Bond

Nominated: Barbara Allan; Seconded: Wendy Whitham

Secretary: Keith Thomas

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: John Brannan

Treasurer: Margo Hellyer

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: John Brannan

Ordinary Members:

Denise Hall

Nominated: Elizabeth Smith; Seconded: Warren Bond

Alana Wilkes

Nominated Scott Williamson; Seconded: Margo Hellyer

No other nominations received

The Returning Officer congratulated the incoming committee members. And the Outgoing Committee thanked for their efforts.

7. Other business:

Nil

Meeting close. 3.25pm.