



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Thursday 1st September, 2016 7-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan, Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Margo Hellyer, Keith Thomas.

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

1. Apologies – None

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting / Business Arising

It was Moved: John and Seconded: Denise that the Minutes of the FOTPIN CC meeting held 24th July, 2016 were a true and fair record of that meeting.

Actions (see e-mailed Agenda):

Item	Subject	Action	Result
8	Weed Management	Discussed at AGM	Complete
11(b)	Walks Program	Partly covered in Convenor's report	In progress – dates to be determined (John)
12 (b)	Pinnacle Extension	To be considered at the PCS Planning meeting on 6 th September, 2016	In progress (John)
13	Restoration Plan		Pending – refer agenda item 13
14 (.c)	PCS works on the Reserve – tracks	Some action to date dealing with bike riders going off tracks	To be checked at planning meeting (John/Warren)

3. Correspondence in and out / Business arising

All relevant correspondence was circulated to members via e-mail and a summary table provided with the agenda ([attachment A](#)).

Resultant actions are covered in the agenda items below.

4. Convenor's Report (attachment B)

Report received and accepted. No action items were raised.

5. Coordinator's Report

Warren provided a verbal report. Items of interest included the following:

- Some interest has been expressed in using weeding wands;
- Chemcert training is required for at least 3 people.

Report received and accepted

6. Treasurer's Report ([attachment C](#))

Report circulated by e-mail was received and accepted.

Reimbursement of Warren Bond for expenditure on renewal of the fotpin Domain Name (\$34.95) was approved by the meeting.

7. Membership Report

Warren reported that our current membership remains at 79 and the number of other people who have requested to be on our email lists remains at 111.

8. Weed Management

Warren reported that the effort spent on weed control in the last three months was 42 hours, the smallest total for June to August of the last 7 years, and about half of last year's total. Of this total 34% was spent on the Reserve and 80% on weed Saffron Thistles.

9. Website

Warren reported that there have been a number of significant updates to the website in the last 3 months, as documented on the [website updates](#) page.

The number of unique visitors to the website in the last 3 months remained on trend Popular pages in this period were "About the Pinnacle", the Kangaroos page, the "Walking home page" and "Walking Tracks" page.

Margo made some suggestions for additions to the website to contrast the level of weed control on the Pinnacle with that on other Nature Reserves and public areas, which Warren will follow up.

10. Revegetation

No plantings are being organized in the near future. The next activity is likely to be collecting tree guards from the Bottom Pinnacle plantings where they are now no longer required. The meeting discussed replacement plantings for those that have not survived.

11. Information and outreach

- a. Jamison Centre Display – underway and good involvement by FOTPIN members
- b. Spring walks – Bird walk planned for 25th September. An introduction to the extension walk is still be planned by John and Warren and will be finalized soon. Another bird walk is being considered for November, and reviving a wild flower walk was discussed. Program to be compiled (**John**)
- c. Interpretative signage concept document – need more details on how QR codes are displayed and used (**Keith**). Updated document to be circulated to CC members and agreed before going to wider membership for input.

12. Pinnacle Extension

No new business at this time. Progress will be discussed at the Annual Planning Meeting with PCS (see item 14 e below).

13. Restoration Plan

John talked to Ken Hodgkinson about including an ecological burn on a small area of the Pinnacle (the triangular area north of the Forest) as part of his trial, or at least using his approach. This would hopefully be next Autumn. These have proven to be quite successful in native grass regeneration and weed control. Site details and schedule to be finalised with Ken (**John**).

Margo raised the matter of compiling information produced by the previous meetings about restoration plans and making it available on Dropbox. To assist future discussions Margo to investigate and **John** to assist.

Agenda items Revegetation and Restoration Planning are to be combined in future agenda under heading of Revegetation (**Keith**).

14. Other Business

- a. PCS works in the Reserve – track works covered in matters arising from previous minutes.
- b. The new pipeline to be constructed from the Weetangera tanks to the new suburb of Whitlam.
Following discussion at the AGM, John proposed an alternate route to the Land Development Agency (LDA) to take it further east and away from areas of sensitive vegetation. In the meantime, Michael Mulvaney (from the A.C.T. Conservation Planning and Research, Natural Policy Branch) had inspected the original LDA route, agreed that it went through sensitive areas and proposed a route to the west of Deep Creek. He organised for fotpin representatives (Warren Bond, Keith Thomas and John Fitzgerald) to walk the proposed new route with Leigh Crocker from the LDA on 18th August. It was agreed that this route was preferable to those previously suggested both in terms of minimizing damage to vegetation and practicality. An updated plan is to be circulated by LDA to all interested parties in the near future.

This route is proposed go largely along current tracks and disturb a strip 15m wide. Concerns were raised that the tracks chosen were used quite a lot and pipeline works will create major disturbances for users. This needs to be handled well and information provided to users before any activity occurs.

Pipeline works will have a surplus of rocks excavated from the area and LDA have asked fotpin if they have any constructive uses for them, such as creating artificial Aprasia habitat. This and related matters will be raised at the Annual Planning Meeting with PCS (see item 14 e below)

- c. Bench Seat – this will be provided by PCS in the Pinnacle Reserve in the next 6 months, location to be determined. Five suggestions on its location were proposed. These should go to members and feedback provided to John by end October, 2016 (**John**)
- d. Annual PCS Planning Meeting: 6th September, 2016 at 0900 at the Mitchell depot, Grimwade Street, Mitchell. **Denise, Margo (possibly), John and Warren** to attend.

Some items to be raised include

- Clarification of the future of the Wintergarden property;
- Chemcert training;
- Pipeline works and surplus material (e.g. rocks and soil) storage; and
- Habitat mapping of pink-tailed worm lizard in rocky areas.

15. Proposed date for next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 5th December, at Denise Hall's home.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence between since July 24th meeting

Sender	Topic	Action items
Karissa Preuss	GCG Meeting – 1 st August, 2016	Notice of meeting and discussion points
	GCG - Grassland Restoration through Fire	action item from GCG meeting and minutes
Phillip Selmes – PCS	PCS Meeting – 18 th August, 2016	notice of meeting and discussions points
	PCS meeting – Rabbit control in the ACT – 19 th August, 2016	Fringe Forum invitation
	PCS and Landcare Coordinator's meeting – 30 th August, 2016	notice of meeting
	Fringe Forum on PCS Wildlife Program – 8 th September, 2016	Notice of meeting
	Info session for waterway improvement projects	Media Release
	Chemcert course 10 th September, 2016	Information of course details.
Robyn Hall	Help wanted with rabbit sample collection – CSIRO study	call for assistance with sampling
John Brannan	Jamison display	Roster
Bohdana Szydlik	Pinnacles - Molonglo 3 watermain route	outlining feedback on new route
Michael Mulvaney	Proposed Pinnacle Pipeline	Alternate routes and invitation to inspect options

Attachment B. Convenor's Report

1. Joint ParkCare Display at Jamison Centre, 2-4 September

Preparations for this year's event are going well. Jean Geue has negotiated with the venue to hold the display, though the position this year will be slightly different and the space more restricted as a result. As usual, a good number of fotpin volunteers have put their hands up and all the time slots now have people in them from one or more of the participating groups (fotpin, FOAB, FOMP, FOG, CIMAG and Friends of Black Mountain -- Friends of Bruce Ridge are not taking part this year). Jean asked for help organising the roster this time and I tried a number of options before settling on Google Docs as the simplest and most accessible approach. It seems to have worked well for most people, though not for everyone. My thanks to Keith for taking over the coordination while I was away. My thanks also to Elizabeth for helping to organise the materials for our display.

2. ParkCare and Landcare Coordinators' Meeting

4-6 pm, 30 August, PCS Stromlo Depot

The meeting was well attended and raised a number of points of interest to fotpin:

- The Chemcert training scheduled for September 10 still has 5 places available, if there's any further interest.
- The wooden seats promised for the 25th anniversary of ParkCare have finally materialised and will be rolled out in the coming months. There will only be one, so we need to finalise a location for it. The seats are now flat slabs of ironbark timber with attached legs, so can readily be carried to the chosen spot. However, they will need to have concrete footings for the legs. Installation will be organised by PCS.
- A new full-time indigenous ranger has been appointed: Jackson Taylor Grant, from the Wirradjuri people. He will be doing the rounds of the ParkCare groups and is available if we have any questions on indigenous issues (see upcoming Fringe Forum, below).
- A Fringe Forum on indigenous issues will be held in November. I plan to attend this, if possible. The September Fringe Forum is on Wildlife issues, something that apparently takes up around 40% of PCS rangers' working time.
- Craig Wainwright will be on leave for the whole of October.
- The text of the formal Activity Declaration notices is now being finalised and will be emailed out to the relevant groups before going to print. (We need to confirm that the map shown on our notice has been updated to include the offset.)

3. Walks Program

This is still being formulated. I have settled on September 25th as the date for my bird walk (I may lead a second walk later in the Spring). I contacted Rosemary Blemings and John Fitz regarding a walk around the Pinnacle extension and received a reply from Rosemary, but not from John. I need to follow this up and settle the date for this walk fairly urgently so that we can get the Walks Programs notices out to the membership. If necessary, we can probably do the walk without John.

John Brannan

September 1st, 2016

Attachment C. Treasurer's Report**Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 01-Jul-2016 to 31-Aug-2016**

Opening balance on 01-Jul-2016		\$752.69
Receipts		
Membership and donations	\$40.00	
Interest	0.05	
		<u>\$40.00</u>
Payments		
nil		<u>\$0.00</u>
Surplus of receipts over payments		<u>\$40.00</u>
Closing balance on 30-Jun-2016		<u><u>\$792.69</u></u>
Reconciled to:		
"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	\$569.79	
Petty Cash	\$222.90	
		<u>\$792.69</u>
Less unrepresented Cheques	\$0.00	
Total		<u><u>\$792.69</u></u>

Notes:

1. Funds to the value of \$241-78 (at 30 June 2016) are also held by The Ginninderra Catchment Group for general use by fotpin.
2. Ginninderra Catchment Authority holds and administers in fotpin's name residual funds from the Commonwealth Caring for Country Grant and the Labor Club Grant (both for the Native Grass Regeneration Project) and Spicers (for the 2011 tree planting project).

Denise Hall
Treasurer
31 Aug 2016