



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 3rd August 2020 7-30 pm [by Zoom video conference]

Draft Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Margo Hellyer, Len Taylor, Alana Wilkes

1. Apologies

nil.

2. [Minutes of the Last Meeting](#) / Business Arising

It was moved by John and seconded by Len that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4th May 2020 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting.

Agreed.

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

20161205: Item 11 (e)

ii. Member Survey

Action: Warren and Margo to draft a survey to determine members' communication preferences.

No further progress.

20170306: Item 14 (b) FOMP – Belconnen Hills Strategy

Action: This item cannot be progressed until PCS has finalised its Landscape Classification Assessment.

Action pending. It is hoped that the finalisation of the Canberra Nature Park Management Plan may allow this to be progressed.

This has now been further delayed because of the COVID-19 disruptions.

The issue of these holdups was raised at the recent ParkCare Convenors' meeting.

20190805: Item 11 (b) Subscribing to National e-deposit (NED)

Action: Warren to follow up and do whatever is required (if anything).

It is thought that we don't need to do anything but Warren will check.

Completed. discussed under item 12(a) of the meeting.

20200210: Item 10 (d) Clean-up of remaining gravel piles near the tanks

Action: John to follow up.

John contacted Ranger Riko but there has been no action as yet.

John will follow up again.

20200504: Item 12 (a) AGM

Action: Warren to prepare a notice to members to explain the proposal to defer the 2020 AGM and organize the voting.

Completed. 27 members voted unanimously to defer the AGM for a year.

20200504: Item 12 (d) Weed experiment (2010-2012) plots

Action: Warren to contact Don Driscoll for input into future uses of the grazing exclusion plots.

Completed. Don suggested that the exclosures could be used as places to intensively grow species to re-establish in the reserve or they could be used as areas protected from grazing to grow forbs that might then naturally spread beyond the fence. He also suggested confirming directly with Richard Duncan at University of Canberra whether he had any further use for them before doing anything else.

Otherwise, he agreed with Warren that we should open them to grazing.

He also confirmed that there were short star pickets sticking 5 cm out of the ground in the plots outside the exclusion fences.

Note that Warren had already contacted Andrew O'Reilly-Nugent (the student from University of Canberra who had been using the plots) and he said he was finished.

Warren has since contacted him again to obtain the key to the padlocks, without success to date.

Further Action:

Warren to arrange the removal of the dangerous star picket outside the exclosures before any more rangers' tyres are destroyed.

Warren to contact Richard Duncan to see if he has further use.

All to consider further uses for the the exclosures.

3. Correspondence in and out (Warren) ([Attachment A](#))

Noted.

4. Convenor's Report

John had previously circulated his report which was noted. The main topics were:

- Revegetation of the Molonglo Watermain corridor
- Recent track maintenance
- Weetangera Revegetation Project
- Meeting with Ginninderra Greens candidate Jo Clay
- Recent successful COG birdwalk on The Pinnacle.
- Upcoming events
- ParkCare developments

5. Treasurer's Report ([Attachment B](#))

Margo's report had been previously circulated

Warren drew attention to the fact that it wasn't completely up to date and didn't represent our true financial position as at 31 July 2020.

The version attached to the minutes had been revised to include those items.

Margo had forewarned us that this would be her last meeting as she was moving away from Canberra. John led us all in thanking Margo for her contributions and wishing her well for her future down the coast.

This leaves the Committee without a Treasurer and one member short. Under fotpin's Management Rules, the Committee may co-opt additional members [Paragraph 9(4)] and may appoint fotpin members to vacant office bearer positions [Paragraph 9(2)].

John said that Mike Hall emailed him prior to the meeting offering to act as fotpin Treasurer..

The Committee agreed to co-opt Mike to fill the vacant position on the Committee and the role of Treasurer until the time of the next election.

Margo said that she had already loaded all digital files related to the Treasurer's role onto the fotpin Dropbox site and that she would arrange the handover of the physical trappings associated with the Treasurer role to Mike in the next few weeks and explain the procedures to him.

We look forward to welcoming Mike to the next meeting.

6. Membership Report

Warren reported that our current membership is 101, an increase of 2 since the last meeting, while the net number of other people who have requested to be on our email list increased by 1 to 193, bringing the combined total to 294.

7. Weed Management

Warren reported that the wet and warm season resulted in our busiest May to July period on record, smashing the previous total in 2015 by 28%. We also equalled our previous (2011) record for July. Total weeding effort between 1 May and 31 July was 279 hours, 99% spent on the Reserve. The main weeds were Paterson's Curse, Saffron Thistles, Capeweed, Nightshade, Verbascum and miscellaneous broadleaf weeds.

He also reported that the [summary of weeding for the 2019-20 season](#) is now on the website, marking the end of the 10th season of closely recording, georeferencing and monitoring fotpin's weed control effort. Last season received the least effort of the ten, for a variety of reasons as explained in the report on the website. Nevertheless there is continued effective control of most of our target invasive weed species.

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

Warren reported that apart from regular updates to the flora and fauna, weeding and rainfall pages there was the addition of a new "mobile-friendly" [track map page](#), linked to a QR code on the noticeboard and on signs at some of the main entrances. It has received just over 40 uses since it was deployed towards the end of May.

The [number of unique visitors](#) in the 3 months since May 1st has averaged 208 per month, a 30% increase on the previous 3 month period and on the corresponding period last year. This increase seems to be largely on the back of recent interest in our various walking track resources. "Walking Tracks" was the most sought after page on our site in that period, followed by "Newsletters", "Recent Weeding", "About the Pinnacle", the "Walking" home page, "Plants of the Pinnacle", the mobile-friendly track map (42 unique views) and the "Corridor map".

b. Social Media

Denise reported that we have 127 followers and 118 likes on our facebook page. The recently established Instagram page has yet to be fully populated.

With Margo's departure, Alana has offered to assist Denise with our social media presence.

9. Events Program

The uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 restrictions means that we don't have dates yet for the Weetangera Primary School Fete and the Jamison Centre ParkCare display. John said he would like to have them firmed up before scheduling any Spring walks.

Once there is more certainty he will schedule a bird walk and ask John Fitz Gerald about leading a wildflower walk (as it should be a good season for them). Warren suggested that Len lead a walk around the Weetangera paddock regeneration sites to show members what is happening there.

10. Molonglo Watermain

John and Warren provided an update of progress of the restoration of the pipeline corridor. More details are included in the Convenor's Report which is on the [website](#) as Update #32.

Len suggested that we find out what seeds were included in the mixture that was sown and also get a someone who knows native grasses to identify the grasses which have come up.

The next monthly inspection of the restoration is scheduled for 14th August.

11. Groundcover Revegetation Project Report ([Attachment C](#))

Len had circulated his report before the meeting.

Key points include:

- The unsuccessful outcome of the FoG grant application and subsequent visit to the site by Ken Hodgkinson as suggested by FoG.
- Proposal to cover the transplanted *themedra* patch with *Acacia bailyana* branches from other reserves to minimize grazing by kangaroos and rabbits and allow the setting and dispersal of seed (the Committee agreed this was a good thing to do).
- Installation of cheaper, more mobile versions of the fenced plots that funding was applied for from FoG, comprising star pickets (supplied by PCS) and orange plastic webbing (purchase of which was approved by the Committee out of session).
- Collection of small amounts of grass seed for planting by John Fitz Gerald and cataloging by Len.
- It is planned to plant out the seedlings of *Austrostipa bigeniculata* (kneed speargrass) propagated over autumn and winter soon.

Report noted.

Proposed expenditure

- Growing mix from Greening Australia for seed raising
Len was unable to get a quotation of the cost; the Committee asked him to obtain an estimate based on similar products before approving the expenditure.
- Soil wetter for preparing the soil in the plots for sowing at a cost of \$11-20 (approved)
- Soil pH testing kit to ensure the soil pH is in an acceptable range for the seeds to be sown at an estimated cost of \$50 (expenditure up to \$50 approved)

12. Other Business

a. National e-deposit Scheme

We were contacted last year by the ACT Heritage Library and advised of a new scheme for lodging in digital format documents that would previously been lodged as hard copies with them and the National Library.

Warren investigated the implications for fotpin and circulated before the meeting a briefing paper about the scheme and what documents fotpin already had lodged with the libraries.

It was agreed that we should ensure that our Newsletters and Updates are lodged on a regular basis. Other documents in a suitable format that form part of our history should also be lodged.

Action: Warren to lodge any documents not already lodged and continue to lodge them as they are produced.

- b. Review of Weed Plan 10 years on
No further action on this, although Warren has started to compile key features of out 10 years of records.
- c. Large number of issues of concern on the reserve in the last 3 months
Warren drew to the Committee's attention the large number of issues around the reserve that he or John have had to report to PCS in the last 3 months, resulting from the large increase in usage. These included horse riding on unapproved equestrian trails, removal of rocks from the reserve, creation of bike jumps and bike tracks, etc.
- d. The Pinnacle Extension
We have not yet had contact from the new Offsets Ranger in charge of the Extension, Craig Wainwright.

Action: John to attempt once more to arrange a meeting with Craig.

13. Proposed date for next meeting

November 9th 2020 (likely by Zoom).

Meeting closed at 9-30 pm.

Warren Bond

Fotpin Secretary

7th August 2020

Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence since May 2020 meeting**ParkCare**

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Alison McLeod	John Brannan	5 th May	Response about works for temporary rangers already discussed with Rangers
Alison McLeod		8 th May	Relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions allowing Parkcare work to recommence
Alison McLeod		9 th May	Clarification of previous message
Marty Bajt		11 th May	Availability of hand sanitiser
Alison McLeod		20 th May	Happy Volunteer Week
		20 th May	5 staff (4 general services officers and one ranger) who will be working with Marty over the next 3-6 months under the 'Jobs for Canberrans' program commenced on 18 th May
Monica Sirel		21 st May	New Parkcare online uniform order form
Alison McLeod		25 th May	New ParkCare 'promotion' signs for reserve entrances
Alison McLeod		2 nd Jun	Updated COVID19 guidelines for volunteering
Alison McLeod		12 th Jun	2020 Kangaroo Cull
		12 th Jun	ParkCare Update: uniforms, signage, work crews
Alison McLeod	John Brannan	23 rd Jun	Feedback on request for track maintenance etc
Alison McLeod		24 th Jun	50th Anniversary of Black Mountain becoming a conservation reserve
Alison McLeod		25 th Jun	Request for information for the ParkCare Annual Report (replacing "Scribbly Gum"), a list of active volunteers and logging of outstanding effort
ParkCare convenors		25 th Jun to 17 th Jul	Discussion of interactions of volunteer groups with ParkCare and demise of "Scribbly Gum"
Len Taylor	Marty Bajt	2 nd Jul	Request for water tank to be filled
Alison McLeod		2 nd Jul	Updated COVID19 volunteer Guidelines
		2 nd Jul	Invitation to comment on new feasibility project regarding a commercial tourism framework for ACT Parks and Conservation Service
Marty Bajt		9 th Jul	Annual Planning Meetings
John Brannan	Alison McLeod	9 th Jul	Enquiring about the next ChemCert training course
Marty Bajt		12 th Jul	Reminder of increased COVID-19 risk and offer to refill hand sanitiser
Alison McLeod		22 nd Jul	CNP plan of management 'Listening Report' now available

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John Brannan	Alison McLeod	22 nd Jul	Asking for an update on Chemcert training and option of online training
Alison McLeod	John Brannan	22 nd Jul	Courses expected in August; online training has been found to be less satisfactory

* ParkCare Coordinator: Alison McLeod

* ParkCare Ranger: Marty Bajt

* Parkcare Administrative Support Officer: Monica Sirel

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	7 th May	Fallen tree on Forest/Kama boundary track
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan	7 th May	Will deal with fallen tree
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	7 th May	Dungowan St. Gates issues – locking of inner gate without 200 lock
Riko Ahlers	Warren Bond	7 th May	Explanation and suggested solution
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	7 th May	Dungowan St. Gates issues – follow-up and more background
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	12 th May	Bike shortcut track needs blocking
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	13 th May	Forward a message from a park user about collection of rocks behind Woolner Circuit
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	13 th May	Horse riders on Valley Track (and history of the horse issue)
Riko Ahlers	Warren Bond	16 th May	Horse riders response; relocking gates that were locked in 2011 to deal with this issue; attempting to get Google Maps error corrected.
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	24 th May	Follow up of rock collection behind Hawker with photo of large pile next to Springvale track; offering to organise a working bee to return them to the reserve. Broken barrier at top of western Marrakai St reserve entrance
Riko Ahlers	Warren Bond	27 th May	Reply on Hawker rock collection; residents questioned; watching to see what happens. Barrier to be replaced.
Riko Ahlers	Warren Bond	2 nd Jun	Large rock now in place at western Marrakai St reserve entrance; all gates now locked to prevent horse entry

* Acting Senior Ranger, Northside: Kym Birgan

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* Pinnacle Ranger: Riko Ahlers

PCS Rangers (Cont.)

John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Alison McLeod, Marty Bajt	22 nd Jun	Appearance of Nature Play “Things to do in Winter” signs at PNR entrances advocating, among other things, building bonfires. Saying we think they are inappropriate and we are taking them down.
Alison McLeod	John Brannan	22 nd Jun	Defending the signs but saying she will pass the message on to the Nature Play team (run out of ACT Environment)
John Brannan, Len Taylor	Riko Ahlers	25 th Jun	Request for permission to erect two exclusion fences made of builders orange plastic netting in Weetangera Paddock
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan	30 th Jun	Saying he was happy for the Nature Play signs to be taken down and that he hoped the response from them had been forwarded to us (it wasn't). Enquiring about June pipeline inspection that he was away for.
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	1 st Jul	Request for removal of a new bike jump in the Forest paddock and track closed off.
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan, Warren Bond	4 th Jul	Forwarding comments from Nature Play about their signs. Saying he will deal with new bike jump.
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan, Marty Bajt	10 th Jul	Drawing attention to the incomplete maintenance work on the Central Track that has left it in worse condition and asking when it is planned that the work will be completed
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan, Marty Bajt	17 th Jul	Request for maintenance of walking tracks leading from the west and east Marrakai St. walkway entrances
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan	17 th Jul	Confirming that he will put the track maintenance request on the work list.
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan, Warren Bond	19 th Jul	Confirming that the bike jump in the Forest has been rehabilitated and he will keep an eye on it
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	25 th Jul	Disappearing rocks behind Hawker
Riko Ahlers	Warren Bond	29 th Jul	Response about rock pile and asking whether we want to do it or need assistance
Warren Bond	Riko Ahlers, Kym Birgan	29 th Jul	Suggesting assistance required and asking for some time options to schedule it

* Acting Senior Ranger, Northside: Kym Birgan

* Pinnacle Ranger: Riko Ahlers

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Bernie Bugden		6 th May	Papers for meeting on 4 th May
Kathryn McGilp		30 th Jun	Notice of meeting on 6 th July
Kathryn McGilp		11 th Jul	Potential Landcare Events for GCG Groups
Kathryn McGilp		15 th Jul	Minutes of 6 th July meeting;, draft agenda for next general meeting; proposed date for next all-groups meeting (7 th September)
Kathryn McGilp		16 th Jul	National Landcare Week 3rd - 9th August. Request for activities to promote during that week
Sandy Lolicato	GCG groups	18 th Jul	Forwarding draft submission on the Lawson North Development for comment
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan, Warren Bond, Len Taylor	20 th Jul	Asking if she can put our Thursday and Saturday weeding events on the Landcare week program
John Brannan	Sandy Lolicato	22 nd Jul	Offering the support of fotpin to the submission on Lawson North
Warren Bond	Kathryn McGilp	23 rd Jul	Confirming details for entry of Thursday and Saturday weeding events on the Landcare week program
Frogwatch coordinator		24 th Jul	FrogWatch Winter NewsLetter
Kathryn McGilp		29 th Jul	Postponing of Landcare Conference until August 4-6, 2021.

* Bernie Bugden: GCG Executive Officer (to 30th June)

* Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator (from 1st July)

* Sandy Lolicato: Convenor

Pipeline

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Tim Berriman		21 st May	Reminder of site inspection on 22 nd May and copy of monthly independent site report
Tim Berriman		22 nd May	Notes from Inspection on 22 nd May
Warren Bond	Tim Berriman; site inspection email list	22 nd May	List of shrub layer species that we have found grow successfully
Tim Berriman		18 th Jun	Reminder of site inspection on 19 th June and copy of monthly independent site report
Tim Berriman		22 nd Jun	Notes from Inspection on 17 th June
Daniel Steenbergen		9 th Jul	Confirmation of signage and paraweb fencing installation at north end of pipeline corridor.
Tim Berriman		9 th Jun	Reminder of site inspection on 17 th July
Stuart Oxborrow		17 th Jul	Notes from site inspection 17 th July
Warren Bond	Stuart Oxborrow, site inspection email list	21 st Jul	Addition to notes from 17 th July: ask Icon not to use regen area; suggest installation of signs and paraweb fencing at southern end as well
Stuart Oxborrow	Warren Bond, site inspection email list	30 th Jul	Message about tracks passed on to Icon; requesting to be nominated of breaches, preferably with photos
Tim Berriman		31 st Jul	Responding to site inspection notes of 17 th Jul

* Tim Berriman: Calibre (overseeing pipeline contract compliance)

* Daniel Steenbergen: Project Manager, Woden Contractors

* Stuart Oxborrow: Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Delivery, TCCS

Weetangera Grass Sowing an Fencing Project and Application for Friends of Grasslands Grant

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Andrew Zelnik	John Brannan	9 th Jun	Notification that application to CoG was unsuccessful; Suggestions for ways of proceeding
John Brannan	Andrew Zelnik	10 th Jun	Acknowledgement of message of 9 th Jun
Andrew Zelnik	John Brannan	12 th Jun	Further feedback on unsuccessful application
Len Taylor	Andrew Zelnik	12 th Jun	Response to notification of unsuccessful application
Len Taylor	Stephen Bruce	15 th Jul	Enquiring about purchasing potting mix

* Andrew Zelnik: Friends of Grasslands, Coordinator, FoG Supported Projects Sub-committee

* Stephen Bruce: Greening Australia

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Friends of Black Mountain		4 th May	Report on Jamison Centre Parkcare display and thanks to all who contributed
Administrative Support Officer	John Brannan	22 nd May	Suggesting a call for people to remove teddy bears from the Pinnacle ow that School Holidays are over
John FitzGerald	John Brannan, Warren Bond	22 nd Jun	Making us aware of a development application for a power transmission line along William Hovell Drive and Friends of Grasslands submission about it
Jo Clay	secretary	1 st Jul	Enquiring about finding out more about our work
John FitzGerald	John Brannan, Warren Bond	9 th Jul	Alerting us to the public consultation for the widening of William Hovell Drive
Jonathan Deryngowski, Zinfra	John Brannan	10 th Jul	Advising of completion of gas pipeline on Coulter Drive and enquiring whether there is anything we'd like to see as part of the restoration.
John Brannan	Jonathan Deryngowski, Zinfra	10 th Jul	Requesting care not to introduce weed species and elimination of any African Lovegrass prior to restoration
Jo Clay	Warren Bond	14 th Jul	Accepting a meeting on the PNR on 16 th July
John FitzGerald	John Brannan, Warren Bond	15 th Jul	Forwarding a copy of FoG's submission on the DA for widening William Hovell Drive
Warren Bond	Andrew O'Reilly-Nugent	28 th Jul	Grass Experiment plots key
Warren Bond	Don Driscoll	29 th Jul	Asking about decommissioning of grass experiment plots, alternative uses, star pickets and keys
Don Driscoll	Warren Bond	29 th Jul	Suggestions for decommissioning/alternative uses; confirming that he did put 30cm star pickets in plots outside the fences; keys
Warren Bond	Don Driscoll	29 th Jul	Asking for confirmation that we had most up to date plot maps
Don Driscoll	Warren Bond	29 th Jul	Providing a more recent (but essentially the same)

* Jo Clay: Greens candidate for Ginninderra

* John FitzGerald: Friends of Grasslands

Attachment B. Treasurer's Report**Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 30-April-2020 to 31-July-2020**

Opening balance on 30-Apr-2020	\$2377.74
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Receipts

Interest	\$0.12	
Donation - P Moore	\$50.00	
Donation – T Cochrane	\$20.00	
		\$70.12

Payments

Len Taylor – revegetation supplies	\$30.52	
		\$30.52

Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments	\$39.60
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Closing balance on 31-July-2020	\$2,417.34
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Reconciled to:

“Beyond Bank” Account 03356841	\$2265.51	
Petty Cash	\$182.35	
		\$2,447.86
Less unrepresented Cheque	\$30.52	
Total		\$2,417.34

Other Liabilities

Reimbursement of groundcover restoration fencing expenses to Len Taylor (approved; claim submitted; cheque not yet written)	\$79.50	
		\$79.50

Financial position at 31 July 2020	\$2,337.84
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Notes:

1. Total value of all funds held and administered for fotpin by Ginninderra Catchment as at April 30 2020 : \$8,243.56 (estimated)
Funds are largely 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).
2. \$1300 of the funds held in the fotpin bank account are a donation from the Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group to be spent on interpretative signage

Margo Hellyer
Treasurer
9th August 2020

Attachment C Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Progress Report

Unfortunately our application to Friends of Grasslands for a 2020 Grassy Ecosystem Grant failed. We were invited to contact Dr Ken Hodgkinson if we wanted to discuss this. So I asked Ken to find out what seeds he would have sown in the area. He had not looked at the site and as he had a bit of time to spare he came and had a good look around. He seemed to be impressed with what we have done, a bit concerned about the amount of grazing and suggested a fence around the Themeda area. He said to plant different seeds and see which comes up. However he has offered to test the viability of some old White top Wallaby grass seeds which he has plenty of and will probably donate some to us. However he also agrees that you need species that will colonize and stated that the others will infill later on.

He seemed a bit intrigued by the bare areas. I could be wrong but I think this was because it presents such a good opportunity to seed. I did suggest that if he wanted to experiment here that FOTPIN would probably be interested but that would be a committee decision.

I had not really looked at the themeda area for a while. The themeda has been heavily grazed so I think that we should get some more bailyena branches from Marty and place them over it until the themeda has seeded and has some old browned off leaves around it. **Does the committee agree with this**

The lack of this grant has forced us to look at other cheaper solutions. Our \$1056 application for a 6 x 11m site included \$617 for fence materials. With PCS supplying recycled fence posts and using the rough sawn wooden stakes which were too fat to use in the plastic guards the cost of a 15m diameter plastic fence with bailyena branches has been reduced to \$36. If this works it will also be a much more efficient and cheaper method for massed plantings since it will reduce the time to do the planting and make it much easier to weed. The guards will still be required for isolated plantings, sites with erosion and possibly sloping sites. With the help of Tom and John FG both the 15m and 6m diameter fences are up but will need some poisoning before we utilise them.

John Fitzgerald has collected small amounts of a large variety of seeds. The list of these is now on a spreadsheet which includes date and place collected, after ripening period, expected lifetime, and sowing season so that it is possible to see when they are ready to sow and when they must be sown by. It is still missing some data as it is difficult to find. Unfortunately this reveals that we only have a few wallaby seeds available for direct sowing this Spring.

The scabra bigeniculata (spear grass) seedlings will be planted out soon.

Money Required

We need to purchase more growing mix from GA. They have again agreed to let us have some and will determine the price after I have picked it up. This is what happened last time and as it is very much a favour I seek approval to do this again.

A lot of the bare soil in Weetangera paddock is hydrophobic so we will need to apply a granular soil wetter before the rain which occurs before the seeding. This will be Yates 5L Waterwise Granular Soil Wetter - \$11.20.

We know that the soil is acidic however we do not know the pH level in future seeding sites. Since some of the agricultural sites give the pH range for some native grasses it could be beneficial for us to check the soil. Grahame is prepared to look into testing kits for this and thinks the cost will be in the order of \$50. Before he does this it would be good to know that the committee agrees in principal with this.