



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 4th Nov 2019 7-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Len Taylor

1. Apologies

Margo Hellyer, Alana Wilkes

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

It was moved by John and seconded by Denise that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 5th August 2019 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.

Some progress but still outstanding.

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.

20190304: Item 10 (c) Preparing for global warming

Action: John to ask PCS about their planning for global warming.

Question has been asked; no response as yet. After 3 months it is expected that a response will not be forthcoming because it isn't something PCS has thought about.

20190805: Item 5. Treasurer's Report

Action: John to seek up to date balances for all remaining funds held by GCG.

Balances have been requested but not yet received; John will follow up.

20190805: Item 10. Molonglo Watermain

Action: John to follow-up the removal of blue metal and rubble from near the tanks with PCS.

PCS have agreed to remove any piles remaining after contractor was finished. Further follow-up needed to get it to happen.

Action: Warren to liaise with Wodens about the rehabilitation plan in general.

Further information was obtained.

After the rehabilitation was completed John arranged a walk of the pipeline with representatives of the contractors, Andrew Halley (PCS Northside Senior Ranger)

and fotpin representatives (John, John Fitz Gerald and Warren) to resolve outstanding queries.

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.

20190805: Item 11 (c) Proposal from local real estate agent Cristina O'Brien

Action: Warren to respond to Cris and arrange for her to interview appropriate members.

Negotiations about the format and timing are ongoing. See Item 10 (c) below.

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

The report was noted.

4. Convenor's Report ([Attachment B](#))

John had previously circulated his report which was noted.

Main topics were:

- Joint ParkCare Display at the Jamison Centre report
- Spring Walks Program report
- Molonglo Pipeline update
- 30 Years of ParkCare celebrations
- Weetangera Paddock Revegetation
- New Fencing
- Upcoming Events

5. Treasurer's Report

Margo was unable to be at the meeting but reported by email that there had been no change to fotpin's financial position since the August meeting.

Action: Margo to provide a Financial Statement as soon as it is convenient.

6. Membership Report

Warren reported that since the last meeting our current membership decreased by 2 to 95, while the net number of other people who have requested to be on our email list increased by 20 to 186, bringing the combined total to 281.

7. Weed management

Warren reported that the total effort spent on weed control in the 2019-20 season to date was 109 hours, slightly less than last year but more than the year before. Miscellaneous broadleaf Paterson's Curse and Capeweed received the most attention and made up 77% of the total effort..

A summary of weeding effort for the 2019-20 season to date showing what weeds and which areas received the most effort and comparing the season with previous ones can be found on the [weeding effort page](#).

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

Warren reported that there were mainly minor changes and additions in the last 3 months but foreshadowed the imminent release of a more comprehensive set of lists and photos of flora and fauna found on the Pinnacle. You can see a preview at www.fotpin.org.au/flora&fauna.html.

The number of unique visitors to the website per month was less than the average for the previous two years. The most popular pages in this period were “Newsletters”, “Recent Weeding”, the recent “Restoration” page, “About the Pinnacle”, “Walking Tracks”, the “What’s On” page and the “Walking home page”.

b. Social Media

Denise reported that the Facebook page now has 89 followers.

Following the discussion before the meeting with Paris Lord, she will seek assistance from him to improve our social media presence (see 12.e below).

c. Joint ParkCare Groups display at Jamison Plaza, 13th to 15th September 2019

See [Convenor’s Report item 1](#).

9. Events Program

John reported on the spring events (bird walk, wildflower walk) in the Convenor’s Report and foreshadowed the upcoming events:

- 30th anniversary of ParkCare, 9th November
- Weetangera Primary School Fete, 17th November
- Butterfly walk, sometime in December or January

10. Molonglo Watermain

See detailed report in the [Convenor’s Report, Item 3](#)

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

Len circulated his report of activities to date and the results of the call for assistance with this project.

There was a discussion of Len’s general plans for proceeding with the project. He is hoping to have up to 600 seedlings ready for planting in autumn, and is currently considering the best place to plant them; he is thinking of working westward from the area planted near the water tank.

There was also discussion about the issues around accepting the offer from Sukyo Mahikari. There was no consensus about this and further discussion is required.

12. Other Business

- a. Proposal from local real estate agent Cristina O’Brien to write an article about fotpin for RiotACT – update

Warren said that it was proving problematic to line up something interesting going on at a time when everyone, including her videographer, were available, so we have limited our ambitions of what we can demonstrate. The ball is currently in Cris’s court to get back to us with a couple of firm dates and we’ll go from there.

- b. New boundary fence and cattle incursion from Tully's
The replacement of the fence along south-eastern side of Dam paddock and eastern boundary of Bottom Pinnacle was covered in [item 6 of the Convenor's report](#). As reported there, this created an opportunity for cattle to get into the Reserve.
There was discussion of the issues associated with the new fence and concern expressed about the amount of time the cattle were allowed to remain.
- c. Fotpin's 10th birthday
Warren flagged that fotpin was formalized 10 years ago next July and that we should consider an appropriate celebration.
He also flagged that the Weed Management Plan was launched 10 years ago next May and that consideration should also be given to an evaluation and updating of that.
Action: These matters to be considered further at the February meeting. Warren to discuss Weed Plan with Pax.
- d. [Draft Canberra Nature Park Plan of Management](#) ([Attachment F](#)).
Apart from noting that the Kama Nature Reserve had been left out there were no other comments on the plan.
- e. General discussion of communications
Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, the committee had a discussion with new member Paris Lord who, as a communications professional, offered to provide some suggestions for improving the effectiveness of our communication activities.
Our wide-ranging discussion included: things to consider in designing our communication strategy (who we are targeting; how different groups of people should be targeted in different ways); ways to improve the effectiveness of our facebook page, which aspects of our work we should promote to different groups of people; the importance of using the latest communication tools (including tailoring the website to those using small screens); and the advantages of using MailChimp for sending to email lists.
He also pointed out the opportunities available to interest the media in ParkCare activities during the summer months when news outlets are somewhat starved for content.
We are grateful to Paris for making his time available.

13. Proposed date for next meeting

February 3rd 2020. Venue to be decided closer to the date.

Meeting closed at 9-25 pm.

Warren Bond

Fotpin Secretary

7th Nov 2019

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

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Waltraud Pix (Friends of Mt Majura)	John Brannan	5 th Aug	Recreational drones in Canberra Nature Park
John Brannan	Waltraud Pix	8 th Aug	Reply to above
Waltraud Pix (Friends of Mt Majura)	John Brannan	22 nd Aug	Thanks for contribution on Recreational drones and informing that this topic is covered in the draft CNP Management Plan
ParkCare Coordinator	John Brannan	8 th Aug	Convenor Meeting and Landcare Awards; Minutes of last meeting
John Brannan		12 th Aug	Reply to above
ParkCare Ranger *	John Brannan	12 th Aug	Water Cube audit
John Brannan		12 th Aug	Reply to above
ParkCare Ranger		12 th Aug	Availability of Mulch
ParkCare Ranger	John Brannan	20 th Aug	Annual Planning Meetings
PC Coordinator	John Brannan	20 th Aug	Convenor Meeting reminder and Agenda
ParkCare Ranger		22 nd Aug	2019 - 2020 Bushfire Operation Plan
ParkCare Ranger		23 rd Aug	ParkCare Resources available
PC Coordinator		28 th Aug	Mountain Bike Experience- Consultation
ParkCare Ranger		2 nd Sep	List of Rangers allocated to reserves and districts and Offsets rangers
PC Coordinator		2 nd Sep	Update on What's happening in ParkCare
ParkCare Ranger	John Brannan	2 nd Sep	Continuation of environmental burn in Extension
Friends of Aranda Bushland		3 rd Sep	Opening of new seat
John Brannan	ParkCare Ranger	7 th Sep	Replacement of Central paddock water tank
ParkCare Ranger	John Brannan	8 th Sep	Reply to above
PC Coordinator		11 th Sep	Fringe Forum- Postponed
ParkCare Coordinator		17 th Sep	Canberra Nature Park- Draft Reserve Management Plan Launch
ParkCare Coordinator	John Brannan	17 th Sep	Forward of Request for suggested tree planting locations. From TCCS
PC Coordinator		19 th Sep	ChemCert Course- 26/9/19
ParkCare Coordinator		23 rd Sep	Native Plant Use Forum- Sponsored tickets for ParkCare volunteer
ParkCare Ranger		23 rd Sep	2019 - 2020 Annual Planning Meetings; request for date suggestions

ParkCare Coordinator		27 th Sep	CNP Plan of Management – call for comment from Mick Gentleman
PC Coordinator		3 rd Oct	2020 Annual Planning
PC Coordinator		14 th Oct	First Aid Training
ParkCare Coordinator		31 st Oct	30 Years of ParkCare Celebration 30 Years- Pop Up museum

* ParkCare Coordinator: Alison McLeod

* ParkCare Ranger: Marty Bajt

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Northside Rangers	13 th Aug	Reservoir compound clean-up at the Pinnacle
Michelle Nairn	John Brannan	14 th Aug	Reply to above
John Brannan	Michelle Nairn	25 th Aug	Removal of plant guards at the Pinnacle
Michelle Nairn	John Brannan	28 th Aug	Reply to above
John Brannan	Michelle Nairn	2 nd Sep	Kangaroo Cull Outcome 2019
Michelle Nairn	John Brannan	2 nd Sep	Reply to above (no culling)
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers, Michelle Nairn	17 th Oct	New fencing at the Pinnacle
Riko Ahlers	John Brannan	30 th Oct	Reply to above
John Brannan	Riko Ahlers	30 th Oct	Reply to above
John Brannan	Northside Rangers, Pinnacle Ranger, Michael Mulvaney, Calibre consulting group	21 st Oct	Molonglo pipeline revegetation inspection request
John Brannan	above	22 nd Oct	Confirmation of inspection at 3 pm on 30th Oct

* Northside Rangers: Michelle Nairn, Andrew Halley

* Pinnacle Ranger: Riko Ahlers

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Ann Milligan		5 th Aug	Call for Newsletter contributions
Ann Milligan		12 th Aug	August Newsletter available
Karissa Preuss (Executive Officer)		21 st Aug	GCG All Groups meeting Agenda Meeting with Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS)
Karissa Preuss		23 rd Aug	More information on meeting with TCCS
John Brannan	Karissa Preuss	23 rd Aug	Reply to above; issue of mowing
Karissa Preuss		23 rd Aug	Grants programs available
Karissa Preuss		23 rd Aug	CSIRO tour of the Ginninderra Project Site

Ann Milligan		10 th Sep	Frogwatch news
Karissa Preuss		16 th Sep	Community environment grants
John Brannan	Karissa Preuss	23 rd Sep	Reply to above
Ann Milligan		1 st Oct	October Newsletter available and Frogwatch news
Karissa Preuss		14 th Oct	GCG General Meeting: Agenda and previous Minutes
Karissa Preuss		30 th Oct	ACT Budget submission
Karissa Preuss		4 th Nov	AGM and Christmas Party, 2 nd Dec

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan		12 th Aug	Stall at Weetangera PS Fete
Linda Beveridge	John Brannan	12 th Aug	ParkCare display Jamison Plaza 2019
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	14 th Aug	Reply to above
John Brannan	Fotpin email lists	14 th Aug	Call for volunteers, ParkCare display
Linda Beveridge			Jamison ParkCare Display update
ACT Legislative Assembly	John Brannan	13 th Aug	Nature in Our City Inquiry; thank you for contribution
Warren Bond	Cristina O'Brien	16 th Aug	Follow-up about interviewing/filming fotpin
Cristina O'Brien	Warren Bond	18 th , 20 th Aug	Reply to above
Warren Bond	Cristina O'Brien	22 nd Aug	Suggestions for interview/video
Cristina O'Brien	Warren Bond	22 nd , 23 rd , 27 th Aug	Negotiating time for above
Warren Bond	Cristina O'Brien	28 th Aug	Postponement of above until October
Cristina O'Brien	Warren Bond	28 th Aug	Reply to above
Conservation Council ACT		10 th Sep	Updated information on the issue of cat containment
Cristina O'Brien	Warren Bond	14 th , 17 th , Oct	Revisiting date for interview/video
Warren Bond	Cristina O'Brien	17 th , 23 rd Oct	Suggestion of new date
Cristina O'Brien	Warren Bond	25 th Oct	Agreement; to organise dates with videographer
Weetangera PS	John Brannan	16 th Oct	Weetangera School Fete - Public Liability Certificate
John Brannan	Weetangera PS	16 th Oct	Reply to above querying if necessary
Weetangera PS	John Brannan	20 th Oct	Confirmed above unnecessary

Attachment B. Convenor's Report

I made the mistake the other day of thinking that the start of the new month must mean the first day of Summer. Then I realised that there's still another whole month to go before Summer officially begins! I think anyone could be forgiven for thinking that Summer is already well under way. Several months of below average rainfall are making their mark on the reserve, which is looking dry and tired in many areas with predictions of a hot and dry Summer still to come. The wonderful rain we had on Sunday night will be a big help. Let's hope there's more to come.

Despite the dry, there's been a lot happening at the reserve and elsewhere for the Friends of the Pinnacle.

1. Joint ParkCare Display at the Jamison Centre

I missed this year's event due to commitments elsewhere, but everyone I've spoken to tells me that it was once again a very successful event. Special thanks this year to Bob for picking up and delivering the display boards used for the event, to Denise for taking over the setup and tear-down duties for our display, and to everyone who helped out with the fotpin display.

2. Spring Walks Program

• *Bird Walk*

A round dozen people came long on this year's walk, which was a little earlier in the season than some previous walks. This turned out well, as many of the resident birds started nesting early this year. Like last year, the low rainfall over the winter and early spring drove some of our favourite birds up into the mountains, so some of our favourites (the Scarlet Robins in particular) were absent. Even so, it was a lovely morning in near-perfect conditions with some nice birds to be seen. Highlights included both Golden and Rufous Whistlers, White-winged Choughs building their "pudding-bowl" mud nest and the season's first Noisy Friarbirds – one of the migratory species that come to nest in the reserve every year. A particularly lovely bird, the Rainbow Bee-eater (another migrant), was spotted by Alison Milton just minutes after the walk ended and she snapped some excellent photos of the bird (looking a little wind-blown).



Rainbow Bee-eater (photo by Alison Milton)

- *Wildflower Walk*

John Fitz Gerald and Nola McKeown once again led a group of nine walkers on a pleasant stroll through some of the prettier parts of the reserve. I was unable to attend the walk myself, but John tells me that, despite the dry conditions, there were enough flowers in bloom to make the venture very worthwhile. My thanks to John and Nola for again giving up their Sunday morning to conduct the walk.

3. **Molonglo Pipeline**

An on-site meeting was held on Wednesday October 30th attended by myself, Warren and John Fitz Gerald, Tim Berriman, the Project Manager for the revegetation work, Andrew Halley, PCS Ranger in Charge, Northside, and representatives from Wodens, the construction contractor, and Ables, the reveg. contractor.

We had asked for the meeting in order to clarify the details of the revegetation program and also to check on the progress of the revegetation so far. Our own observations had indicated that the survival rate for the tubestock currently planted was poor and that it was getting worse, not better.

The representative from Ables, who are responsible for the 2-year revegetation and maintenance program, assured us that they were aiming for a survival rate of 100%, and that any tubestock that had died since the initial planting would be replaced. He also assured us that the planted areas would be watered fortnightly until the plants were fully established. John Fitz Gerald also pointed out some areas where weeds were already making a comeback, particularly along the newly formed road beside the water tanks, and was assured that the area would be sprayed for weeds within the next two months. We were reassured by the commitments made by the contractors and we look forward to seeing better results in the future.

4. **30 Years of ParkCare**

This year marks 30 years since ParkCare began in Canberra, and a celebration will be held on Saturday November 9th at the Yarramundi Cultural Centre on Lady Denman Drive, starting at 10 am and finishing with a BBQ lunch provided by the PCS rangers.

The event is a chance to look back at the beginnings of the movement and to thank the people who were instrumental in getting it off the ground in Canberra. But it will also be an opportunity to look ahead at the next 30 years and assess some of the challenges we are likely to face, particularly the threats posed by a warmer and dryer climate.

Fotpin will be taking along some display materials from our early days and some photos we have of the activities run by our predecessors, the Pinnacle Environment Group, that helped to transform the reserve from bare sheep paddock into the lovely patchwork woodland that it is today. Everyone is welcome and I hope to see lots of other fotpins at the event. Details are provided in the attached PDF file.

If you haven't seen it already, there's a short YouTube video compiled to celebrate the ParkCare movement here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKgE0V3ZhW4>

5. **Weetangera Paddock Revegetation**

Len and his team have continued their sterling work in the Weetangera paddock, restoring native vegetation in areas that were cleared by last year's hazard reduction burn. He has now planted over 350 seedlings – mostly Native Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*) – and just recently planted almost 50 native wildflower seedlings purchased at the recent Greening Australia tubestock sale. Len also had an excellent response to his call for additional helpers to assist with everything from seed collection and propagation through to site preparation and planting. If all goes well over the summer and Len can raise sufficient seedlings from the seed stocks we already have, we'll be looking to hold a planting event in the Autumn. We'll keep you posted.

6. New Fencing

Some of you may have noticed that we have some new fencing along the southern edge of the reserve where it borders onto the leased land being used for sheep grazing by the Tully family. This fencing replaces older fencing that has caused issues in the past with livestock straying from Tully's paddocks into the reserve.

Unlike the fencing it replaces, the new section of fencing follows the actual border between the reserve and the leased land, adding (or reclaiming) a thin wedge of land previously on Tully's side of the fence. The upshot of this is that there is now a large gap in the fencing between the reserve and the Bottom Pinnacle. In a discussion with Andrew Halley, PCS Ranger in Charge, Northside, it was decided that we would monitor this gap for the time being and get PCS to close it off only if it proves to be problem in the future. Andrew informed us that fencing contractors would also be replacing the remaining fencing along the southern edge of the Weetangera paddock at some point.

There was an unfortunate incident a few weeks ago in which the contractor replacing the fence left a large section unfinished for several days, during which cattle from Tully's land strayed into the reserve and did some damage, including pugging along the banks of the creek running down to the dam. The rangers got on top of the situation quickly, but the temporary fencing was then pulled down by someone and the cattle got in again.

Hopefully this sort of issue will arise less frequently once the new fencing is in place.

Andrew also promised to talk to the ACT Government's Suburban Land Agency (SLA), who currently own the land being leased by the Tullys, about the rabbit control measures being used on that land with the aim of ensuring that something is done to limit rabbit incursions into the reserve through the new fencing.

7. Upcoming Events

- *30 Years of ParkCare – 10 am to lunchtime, Saturday, November 9*
(See 4. Above.)

- *Weetangera Primary School Fete – 10 am to 2 pm, Sunday, November 17*

We will again be holding a stall at this year's fete, and I will be sending out a message to everyone in the next few days asking for volunteers to come along and help staff the stall. This is always a lovely event and a really valuable chance to engage with the local community. Please contact John (convenor@fotpin.org.au) if you'd like to get involved.

- *Butterfly Walk – Date TBD*

Local butterfly expert Suzi Bond will again lead a walk at the reserve to seek out our butterflies and some of our other insect species. We haven't set a date for this walk yet, but I will send out a notice as soon as we do.

John Brannan
November 4th, 2019

Attachment C. Groundcover Revegetation in Weetangera paddock**Planted this year**

Plant	Number planted	Number Died
Microlaena	308	19
Senecio quadridentatus	23	4
Arthropodium fimbriatum	5	0
Calotis lappulaceae	2	0
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	5	0
Rhodanthe anthemoides	5	0
Leucochrysum albicans	8	0

Response to the Call for Volunteers

15 people responded, one of which was from a group

7 have been put on the weeding list. So far only two have turned up to weed, one keen person and one who will come about once per month. This is quite a good start.

Most said that they would be interested in seed collection and propagation. We have yet to start that but propagation must start soon.

Although most said that they were interested in planting only one was able to turn up to plant the 20 purchased plants last Friday.

Len Taylor

November 4th 2019