



## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 2:00 pm

Weetangera Primary School and Zoom

### Draft Minutes

#### Present:

##### In person:

**Members:** John Brannan (Convenor), Anne Aisbett, Alana Wilkes, Wendy Whitham, Bob Hodgson, Barbara Allan, Len Taylor, Gilbert Hughes, Graham Muller

**Non-members:** Wendy Merrit, Daniel Parkhurst

##### On-line:

**Members:** Warren Bond

#### 1. Welcome by the convenor

John acknowledged that we volunteer and are meeting on Ngunnawal land. He thanked Weetangera School for the use of the room, and welcomed the guest speaker, Daniel Parkhurst.

#### 2. Apologies: Gerard Newman, Lesley Harland, John Fitz Gerald, Gary Buffington, Chantal Jackson, Denise Hall, Mike Hall

#### 3. Guest Speaker: Daniel Parkhurst, Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Dan told the meeting that he commenced in the job three weeks ago and is new to Canberra. He was formerly a ranger on the West Coast of Tasmania based in Strahan, and is looking forward to the contrast of working in urban reserves. He is keen to meet the various groups in the Belconnen Hills reserves that he will be working in. He is also looking forward to working in an environment without leeches.

Dan's interests are in flora, and particularly orchids, and is learning more about birds. John invited Daniel to the bird walks that will be held in the Pinnacle in Spring.

Dan related some fascinating stories about his experiences in Tasmania, including with whale strandings and ancient trees on Mount Read.

In response to a question from John, Dan reported that he has recently been spotlighting in the Pinnacle and saw some rabbits, a tawny frogmouth and lots of kangaroos. He gave an update on the walking track reconstruction in the Pinnacle, which is still in progress.

Bob queried whether the sign from the foot of The Pinnacle that was stolen would be replaced. Dan said he will look into it.

John queried whether the footings of the seat at the top of The Pinnacle would be repaired; Dan will also look into this.

Bob asked if there were plans to remove the giant African Box Thorns in the bottom end of the Pinnacle and in the upper Kama Link paddock, Dan will look into this.

The meeting thanked Dan for his interesting contribution.

#### 4. Confirmation of [Minutes of the 2023 AGM](#)

Moved Bob Hodgson, seconded Gilbert Hughes. Agreed unanimously.

#### 5. Confirmation of [Minutes of the 2022 SGM](#)

Moved Wendy Witham, seconded Len Taylor. Agreed unanimously.

#### 6. Convenor's Report

John presented both a verbal and written report. He reported on the successful Environmental Volunteers Conference in August and the various events held throughout the year.

John noted that the number of species recorded for the Pinnacle passed 1,000 during the year, including those mapped on NatureMapr. Bob queried whether new weeds should be logged on NatureMapr, and it was agreed that they should, and in this way their identification as weeds could be confirmed. John also reported on progress in the pipeline revegetation, and that he had been advised to put no more effort into the tanks compound, but rather allow the trees to slowly repopulate it.

John also reported on the signage project, which has been delayed by ParkCare's decision to provide their own maps for the signs.

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#### 7. Treasurer's Report

Warren Bond presented the [audited financial statement for 2023-2024](#). Bob queried whether the residual of the Labor Club Grant could be spent on other things than the fenced revegetation plots; John confirmed that it could.

John moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Alana. Agreed.

#### 8. Report on the Conflict-Of-Interest Register

Anne reported that there have been no conflicts-of-interest registered by committee members in 2023-24.

#### 9. Standdown of the Coordinating Committee

Members of the 2023-24 Coordinating Committee stood down in accordance with meeting rules and all positions were declared vacant.

#### 10. Nominations from the floor (by members only)

Daniel Parkhurst agreed to act as Returns Officer and called for nominations.

#### 11. Election of new Coordinating Committee

The following office bearers and ordinary members were nominated and elected unopposed:

**Convenor:** John Brannan

Nominated: Anne Aisbett; Seconded: Bob Hodgson

**Secretary:** Anne Aisbett

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: Len Taylor

**Treasurer:** Warren Bond

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Wendy Witham

**Ordinary Members:**

Denise Hall

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Anne Aisbett

Len Taylor

Nominated: Anne Aisbett; Seconded: Gilbert Hughes

Alana Wilkes

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Barbara Allan

**11. Other Business**

Gilbert queried if there were any plans to replace the broken or outmoded GPS trackers. Warren Bond agreed to look into this and report back to the next committee meeting.

**Meeting closed:** at 3:05 and was followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Anne Aisbett  
Fotpin Secretary  
21 May 2024