



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 3rd December 2018 7-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Chair), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Margo Hellyer, Len Taylor.

1. **Apologies** –Alana Wilkes
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting / Business Arising**

It was moved by John and seconded by Len, that the Minutes of the FOTPIN CC meeting held 3rd September 2018 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. **Agreed.**

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

051216: Item 11 (e)

i. Social Media:

Action: **John** to develop new sign-on sheet to enable people to authorise the use of their images on Facebook and Web pages.

John reported that he had trialled a new version but realised that it was necessary to be able to identify people who did or didn't want their photo used. He has therefore decided to include the question in his introductory remarks and photograph those people who do not wish to have their photo used so that photos with them in it can be excluded from publication.

Len said that the same courtesy should be offered to our volunteers as was offered to people attending walks, namely that we should obtain their permission to use their images on Facebook and web pages. It was agreed that this should be done as a once off event and not at every sign on.

Action: **John** to explore ways to achieve Len's suggestion.

ii. Member Survey

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

Still outstanding.

060317: Item 11 (c) Interpretive signage: -

No action on signage can be taken until the current landscape classification process is finalised.

Action: Monitor progress and explore other options if possible.

John suggested that, because any further progress on this was dependent on PCS, this be removed from the action list and reinstated once there is progress from PCS. **Action closed.**

060317: Item 14 (b) FOMP – Belconnen Hills Strategy

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

Further enquiries have revealed that it is the delayed release of the delayed release of the *Canberra Nature Park Management Plan* that is holding this up. The Plan is now due for release early in the new year so it is hoped that there can soon be progress on the Belconnen Hills Strategy (a proposal for coordinated revegetation across the Belconnen Hills Reserves).

Action pending.

180917: Item 6 (b)

Action: Fotpin bank account signatories to be updated. **Warren** to arrange.

Still outstanding.

050318: Item 4 (a)

Action: Margo to raise an invoice to cover design of posters and other promotional materials.

Required action completed.

050318: Item 6

Action: Treasurer to provide receipt to Andria Kanane for \$15 donation.

Margo to finalise now that she has the contact address.

Action completed.

030918: Item 10 Issues arising from AGM (b) Consideration of Changes to Rules

Action: It was agreed that Warren should draw up a proposal for modifying the fotpin Rules regarding office bearers for consideration at the next Committee Meeting. We will then discuss the timing and nature of a General Meeting at which this proposal will be put to the membership.

Not yet completed. To be delivered at next meeting.

030918: Item 11. Spring Walks Program

Action: John to liaise with John Fitz Gerald and Nola McKeon about a third walk and finalise the program

Action completed, and a very good wildflower work was held – see Coordinator's Report (Item 4)

030918: Item 12: Other Business

Action: John to report our erosion concerns to PCS.

Action completed, but no response yet from PCS.

Action: John to request PCS to remediate the bike jumps. Done, but no action as yet.

Action completed, but no response yet from PCS.

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

The report was noted.

Business arising**a. Landscape Classification System results**

John and Warren provided a brief summary for other members

b. Vegwatch Survey results

See item 4 of the Coordinator's Report (Agenda Item 4)

c. ParkCare Coordinators meeting with the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Lands and Planning

See item 5 of the Coordinator's Report (Agenda Item 4)

d. Molonglo Pipeline progress

Warren provided a brief update on progress that had been posted on the [website](#).

The day after the meeting Warren observed that work on the pipeline at the William Hovell Drive end has now commenced.

- e. Len enquired what the “Smart snake bandage” that John had communicated with GCG about was.
- f. Len enquired about the fencing that the ParkCare Ranger had said was available and said that it would be handy to keep in mind.

4. **Coordinator’s Report** ([Attachment B](#))

John had previously circulated his report which was noted.

Main topics were:

- The Jamison Joint ParkCare Display
- Spring Walks Program
- Weetangera Primary School Fete
- Vegwatch surveys
- Meeting with Minister Gentleman
- Proposed Planting for Autumn 2019

5. **Treasurer’s Report** ([Attachment C](#))

Requests for reimbursement (supported by receipts):

- Warren Bond: \$41-95 for the fotpin domain name renewal for 2 years
- Len Taylor: \$25-95 for pipe fittings for the new water cube and wetting agent for the Themeda rescue

It was moved by John Brannan and seconded by Denise Hall that the payments be approved and the Treasurer’s Report accepted. **Accepted.**

6. **Membership Report**

Warren reported that our current membership increased by 4 to 95, while the net number of other people who have requested to be on our email list increased to 151, bringing the combined total to 246.

7. **Weed Management**

Warren reported that the effort spent on weed control in the three months September to August was 169 hours, 22% more than last year. St. John’s Wort has absorbed the most effort (53 h).

A summary of weeding effort for the 2018-19 season to date showing what weeds and which areas received the most effort and comparing the season with previous ones can be found on [weeding effort page](#).

8. **Information and Outreach**

a. **Website** (Warren)

Warren reported that there were mainly minor changes and additions (as documented on the [website updates page](#)) in the last 3 months but he drew attention to a new page with links to all [safety related information](#) received from ParkCare.

The number of unique visitors to the website per month was comparable to the same period last year. The most popular pages in this period were the “About the Pinnacle”, “Recent Weeding”, “Newsletters”, the “Walking home page” and “Walking Tracks”.

b. **Social Media** (Margo/Denise)

Margo and Denise reported that the Facebook page was slowly building more viewers and followers.

c. **Jamison Joint ParkCare Display** (John)

See item 1 of the Coordinators Report (Agenda Item 4)

d. Weetangera Primary School Fete (John)

See item 3 of the Coordinators Report (Agenda Item 4)

e. Fotpin contribution to “Scribbly Gum” (the ParkCare annual Newsletter)

Action: John will prepare a contribution and circulate it for comment if there is time before the deadline.

9. Walks Program for next year

John will conduct a bird walk as usual in Autumn and Spring. Replacement walks for the Indigenous Heritage walks were discussed and all were asked to consider possibilities.

It was agreed that we should ask Suzi Bond to conduct another butterfly walk and, although this is best done in late summer, include it as part of our Autumn walks program.

Margo commented that the butterfly walk, the tree guard recovery working bee, the proposed planting in Bottom Pinnacle (if moisture levels are sufficient) and a bird walk constituted a reasonably full “Activity Program” for Autumn 2019.

Action: John to ask Suzi Bond if she will run a butterfly walk.

10. Other Business

a. Clean Up Australia Day

It was agreed that there was probably enough rubbish around to warrant taking part again this year and include it with our walks as part of an Autumn Events Program. Targets will include litter in the areas closest to Springvale Drive and the bike jumps in Weetangera paddock.

Action: John register us with Clean Up Australia.

11. Proposed date and place for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4th March at 7-30 pm at John’s home.

Meeting closed at 9-15 pm.

Warren Bond

Fotpin Secretary

09 Dec 2018

Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence between since July meeting**Major items of correspondence – emails only**

Date	Correspondents [†]	Topic	Summary content
4 th Sep	Karissa Preuss, GCG	National Landcare Conference - Sponsorship available	
4 th , 6 th Sep	Linda Beveridge	Joint Parkcare Display – Jamison, 7-9 September	Finalizing details
5 th Sep	Rosemary Blemings	SMART Snake Bandage	
12 th Sep	ParkCare Ranger *	Free fencing available	
13 th Sep	Alison McLeod ****	Update from ParkCare meeting	
	Karissa Preuss, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group -General Meeting Monday 17.9.18	Documents for meeting
13 th , 14 th Sep	Simon Stratford *** (John Brannan)	Sheep in the Reserve	Report of further sighting and response
14 th Sep	Alison McLeod ****	Nature Based Tourism Strategy	Link to information: https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/nature-based-tourism-strategy
17 th Sep	ParkCare Ranger *	Advisories	European Wasps Emergency App
18 th Sep	Wally Bell (John Brannan)	Aboriginal Heritage Walks at the Pinnacle in 2018	Finalising details
	Ann Milligan, GCG	GCG Newsletter	Requesting input
	Sandy Lolicato, GCG	GCG Meeting	Information requested at meeting
20 th Sep	Greg Baines (John Brannan)	Spanish Heath	Locations of active plants from Bob Hodgson
	ParkCare display volunteers (John Brannan)	Joint Parkcare Display – Jamison, 7-9 September	Thank you and query about keys left at display
21 st Sep	Alison McLeod ****	ParkCare Coordinators Meeting	Minutes
22 nd Sep	ParkCare Ranger *	Tree guards available	
	Nathan Kay ***** (John Brannan)	African Lovegrass Spraying program spring 2018	Notification of where spraying will be carried out
23 rd Sep	ParkCare Ranger *	More tree guards available	
24 th Sep	Bernie Bugden, GCG (John Brannan)	Details of pump available from GCG for watering	

25 th Sep	ICP (John Brannan)	New posters	Billing for printing and laminating
	Kathy Eyles. (John Brannan)	Draft Letter to Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Lands and Planning from ParkCare Coordinators	Draft Canberra Nature Park Management Plan; Ranger workloads; Nature- based Tourism Strategy; Cycle Tourism Strategy; celebrating 30 years of ParkCare
27 th Sep	Ann Milligan, GCG	GCG Newsletter and Frogwatch News	Publication of the September issue
28 th Sep	Greening Australia	The Leaf	September Edition
2 nd Oct	Alison McLeod ****	Grassland Management and Restoration Forum	
5 th Oct	Jenny Andrews, FOAB	Greening Australia Plant Sale	
8 th Oct	Lois Padgham, Community and Visitor Programs	Landscape Classification System results	
	Alison McLeod ****	Safety Alert	Working Alone
9 th Oct	Alison McLeod ****	Safety advisory	Message from Daniel Iglesias about the safety aspects of Glyphosate
9 th Oct to 1 st Nov	Various (John Brannan)	Weetangera Primary School Fete	
11 th Oct	Alison McLeod ****	ChemCert Training	
15 th Oct	Alison McLeod ****	Collector App	Updating settings
17 th Oct	Alison McLeod ****	First Aid Training	
19 th Oct	Ann Milligan, GCG	Frogwatch Census	
20 th Oct	Sarah Hnatiuk (John Brannan)	Pinnacle Brochures	Distribution at Cook Shops
21 st Oct	Pinnacle Ranger **, Northside Senior Ranger*** (John Brannan)	Invitation to Wildflower walk	
22 nd , 26 th Oct	Ann Milligan, GCG	CGC Newsletter	Request for contributions; completed newsletter
29 th Oct	Linda Roberts, ACT Heritage	2019 Heritage Festival	
30 th Oct	Greening Australia	The Leaf	October Edition
	Alison McLeod ****	Waterbug Workshop	Invitation
2 nd Nov	Alison McLeod ****	Early fire season	
5 th , 9 th Nov	Fiona Spear, GCG (John Brannan)	Heritage Walk invoice payment	
8 th Nov	Sarah Sharp (John Brannan)	Vegwatch Survey	Submission of 2018 results
	Alison McLeod ****	ChemCert Training	
10 th Nov	Woden Contractors (Warren Bond)	Mologlo Pipeline	Seeking and receiving an update on likely commencement of disruption on the Pinnacle

12 th Nov	Mary Gleeson, ACT Heritage (John Brannan)	2018 Heritage Grant	Submission of final Report
13 th Nov	Ian Raynor, Greening Australia	Request for plants for an Autumn planting	
	Linda Roberts, ACT Heritage	2019 Heritage Festival	Registration form
16 th Nov	Fiona Spears, GCG (John Brannan)	SMART snake bandages	Request
19 th , 26 th Nov	Pinnacle Ranger ** (John Brannan)	Noticeboard, Activities Declaration sign at the Dungowan St	(copied to Parkcare Ranger* and Northside Senior Ranger ***)
22 nd , 29 th Nov	Ann Milligan, GCG	CGC Newsletter	Request for contributions; completed newsletter, FrogWatch
25 th Nov	Pinnacle Ranger **	St. John.s Wort	Fact sheet
28 th Nov	Rob Novotny, Landcare	Fund Landcare	Information about a new crowd sourcing funding platform for Landcare projects
29 th Nov	Alison McLeod ****	ParkCare Christmans Party; Scribbly Gum	Invitation and request for contributions
30 th Nov	Greening Australia	The Leaf	November Edition
	John Fitz Gerald	Notification from Canberra Nature Map	Confirmation of significant finding of Scotch Broom

† for correspondence originating from fotpin, the correspondent is indicated in ()

* ParkCare Ranger: Marty Bajt

** Pinnacle Ranger: Michelle Nairn

*** NorthSide Senior Ranger: Simon Stratford

**** Volunteer Programs Manager: Alison McLeod

***** Offsets Ranger

GCG: Gininderra Catchment Group

LDA: Land Development Association

Attachment B. Coordinator's Report

Coordinator's Report

December 2018

Spring is always a busy time, and this year it's been especially eventful. We've had extremes of weather, a very successful walks program, the Joint ParkCare display at Jamison, the Weetangera Primary fete and this year's Vegwatch survey, not to mention all the usual weed control and revegetation work that do.

1. Joint ParkCare Display at the Jamison Centre

Thanks to the sterling organisational skills of Jean Geue from Friends of Aranda Bushland (FOAB) and Linda Beveridge from the Friends of Black Mountain (FOBM), this year's event went off without a hitch. As well as ourselves, the participating groups were FOAB and FOBM, the Friends of Mt Painter, Friends of Grasslands, STEP (Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park at the Arboretum) and the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group (CIMAG). We were also delighted to have ParkCare Ranger Marty Bajt along for a couple of hours to help field queries from interested shoppers.

Interest levels were generally high, with many visitors happy to learn about what we do and share their own experiences as regular users of the Canberra Nature Park reserves. The joint display provides a valuable opportunity for the Belconnen ParkCare groups to collectively talk to the public about what they do and talk to each other about how we deal with a range of issues. We look forward to having this opportunity again next year.

2. Spring Walks Program

- *Bird Walk*

The dry winter and spring months meant that some of the species we normally expect to encounter on our regular Spring bird walk were missing, having already left for the mountains to breed. But we still recorded a good number of species, and the highlight was watching a family of Gang Gang Cockatoos closely inspecting a tree hollow in the Kama paddock.

- *Aboriginal Heritage Walk*

Ngunawal elder Wally Bell led another excellent and well-attended walk through the eastern end of the reserve. Wally began by giving a traditional welcome to country in language before talking about his own background as a member of the Yarr clan group and the ways his people have interacted with other indigenous people of the region. He also talked about how his people used the land and illustrated this with artefacts from his own collection. During the walk, he pointed out trees and other vegetation that his people would have used, explaining the uses they were put to and their significance. We are grateful to Wally for his time and expertise and we are especially appreciative of the financial assistance provided by the ACT Government through the Heritage Grants Scheme, without which this walk would not have been possible.

- *Wildflower Walk*

- John Fitz Gerald and Nola McKeown led a very successful stroll through some of the prettier parts of the reserve. Despite desperately dry conditions, a number of native wildflowers were on display, and the walk also offered a good opportunity for visitors to look at the efforts we have made to rescue Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*) tussocks from the proposed water pipe construction corridor and use them to promote native grass recovery in our woodlands, most of which have almost exclusively exotic groundlayer vegetation.

3. Weetangera Primary School Fete

Conditions on the day were pretty much ideal, so this year's fete attracted a large crowd of visitors, many of whom found their way to our stall via the neighbouring plant stall. The WPS fete is always very well organised and this year was no exception. Our thanks go to Chloe and Kate for all their hard work in making the fete such a success.

4. Vegwatch surveys

John Fitz Gerald and I conducted this year's Vegwatch surveys of the plot in the 2011 Spicers' planting on November 5th, restricting ourselves this time to just two surveys focusing on species diversity and structure (type of cover). The dry conditions meant that this year's results were very different from previous years, especially the wet spring of 2016 and generally good conditions of 2017. Diversity and cover were both greatly reduced, with exotic annual grasses (normally abundant) being almost completely absent, while many of the common introduced weed species (clover, sorrel, flatweed, etc.) were also missing. While this (and roo activity) resulted in more patches of bare soil than usual, it also meant that large areas of the plot were dominated by native grasses and forbs. The trees in the plot (mostly Red Box and Acacia spp) are also doing well, and we were pleased to find a Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) among the new regenerating saplings. My thanks as always to John FG for being so generous with his time and expertise.

5. Meeting with Minister Gentleman

On November 8th, a small delegation of ParkCare volunteers met with Minister Gentleman, one of his advisors and Ian Walker the Conservator to discuss a number of issues relating to the management of Canberra Nature Park and ParkCare activities more generally. The delegation was spearheaded by Kathy Eyles from the Friends of Mt Taylor and included Joachim Zeil (Friends of Mt Majura), Sarah Hatniuk (Friends of Mt Painter), Libby Viccars (Friends of Black Mountain) and Martine Franco (for our catchment groups) as well as myself. It was useful to be able to put our views direct to the Minister and we were able to cover a fair bit of ground.

We focused on four main points:

- Importance of CNP to Canberra's liveability, reinforcing the conservation purpose and the need for the CNP Management Plan to be released to guide our work - we pointed to proposals that will place additional pressures on values (Tourism; Mountain bikes strategies etc.), ongoing degradation from overgrazing and PCS ability to undertake land management reduced by other demands - the Urban Wildlife Program (UWP) was raised as an example.
- Better coordination across the urban landscape so there is complimentary management of roadsides and urban open spaces that border CNP reserves. The technology to coordinate land management across tenure is being used within PCS and should be used by all government land managers.
- Park Care 30-year Anniversary is a chance to acknowledge the partnership and the commitment of care volunteers and recognise their important role in the ecological recovery of grassy woodlands in CNP over this time, a tangible reward would be another Park Care Ranger to service north and south Care groups.
- Importance of maintaining the Catchment groups network that advocates for the volunteer sector and provides essential infrastructure for citizen science programs and the primary means to lever additional funding into the CNP through ACT grants and Commonwealth programs like the Green Army, and the value to government of using community partnerships to deliver on-ground outcomes.

We provided some examples to illustrate these points and tabled photos, as well as seeking a commitment to meet with the Minister again to follow up our concerns.

The outcomes were:

- Advice that the draft CNP management plan is almost complete will be released early in 2019
- Recognition by government that UWP diverts Ranger resources and an indication that this was being actively reviewed in government
- Advice that a budget bid has been made for a second ParkCare Ranger (we also raised the value of having PC rangers based in the Districts)
- Willingness to work closely with us on the 30th anniversary celebration
- Recognition of the value of the ParkCare and Catchment Group models to on-ground management and keeping the sector vital

We finished by agreeing to meet with the Minister again and we will consider when would be a useful time to meet again once the CNP Plan has been released and the budgetary outcomes for CNP are known.

6. Proposed Planting for Autumn 2019

I have been considering for some time the need to restore some of the shrublayer vegetation lost in the Bottom Pinnacle due to the ongoing removal of briar roses. I was chatting about this in a chance meeting with Ian Rayner from Greening Australia, and he informed me that they have funding available to supply plants for this sort of work. I have asked Ian to set aside about 100 plants, and if we continue to get reasonable rainfall through the summer, I will organize a small planting event next Autumn. In the meantime, I will organise a work party to recover the tree guards that were used for our planting in the Bottom Pinnacle in Autumn 2014. With the stakes and guards that we already have, that should provide us with all the materials we need.

John Brannan
December 3rd, 2018

Attachment C. Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 03-Sept-2018 to 03-Dec-2018

Opening balance on 03-Sep-2018 **\$2385.32**

Receipts

Interest – bank account \$0.11

\$0.11

Payments

Cash - W Bond – domain name renewal \$41.95

Cash - L Taylor – tank pipe fittings and wetting agent \$25.95

\$67.90

Surplus of receipts over payments **-\$67.79**

Closing balance on 03-Sep-2018 **\$2317.53**

Reconciled to:

“Beyond Bank” Account 03356841 \$2150.18

Petty Cash \$167.35

Total **\$2,317.53**

Notes:

1. Funds in the “Beyond Bank” Account to the value of \$1,300.00 (a donation from the Harden Murrumburrah LandCare Group) are earmarked for signage.
2. Funds to the value of \$241-78 (at 30 June 2016) are also held by The Ginninderra Catchment Group for general use by fotpin.
3. 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).

Margo Hellyer
Treasurer
03 Dec 2018