



## Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019 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 Coordinating Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 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.

##### 20190304: Item 10 (c) Preparing for global warming

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

Pending: Question has been asked; no response as yet

##### 20190519: Item 4 (a) Proposed purchase of a Mini Greenhouse

**Action:** John to contact GCG to confirm that the grant money is still available and can be used for this purpose under the terms of the grant.

**Completed**

#### 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:

- The Molonglo Water Main
- Upcoming Events
- Weetangera Paddock Revegetation
- Pinnacle Extension/Offset Environmental Burn

- Noticeboard refurbishment
- 30 Years of ParkCare Celebrations
- Kangaroo Cull

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

Margo briefly summarised her report that had been previously circulated.

She pointed out that the information described in the footnotes about funds held for us by Ginninderra Catchment Group needed to be updated.

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

It was moved by Warren and seconded by John that the Report be accepted.

## 6. Membership Report

Warren reported that since the March meeting footpin membership increased by 1 to 97, while the net number of other people who have requested to be on our email list increased by 7 to 166, bringing the combined total to 263.

## 7. Weed management

Warren reported that the total effort spent on weed control in the 2018-19 season was 739 hours. The amount of time spent on the Reserve itself (95% of the total) was 12% more than last season. St. John's Wort has absorbed the most effort (218 h, all but 2 h on the Reserve).

A summary of weeding effort for the 2018-19 season 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 (as documented on the [website updates](#) page) in the last few months but he drew attention to a new [butterflies and caterpillars on the pinnacle](#) photo gallery and a new [butterflies of the Pinnacle](#) list page.

The number of unique visitors to the website per month since March was slightly less than the average for the previous two years. The most popular pages in this period were "Recent Weeding", "About the Pinnacle", "Newsletters", "Walking Tracks", "Kangaroos", the "Walking home page" and the "What's On" page.

### b. Social Media

Margo and Denise reported that the Facebook page now has followers: 81 and that each post receives 40 to 50 reads

### c. Joint ParkCare Groups display at Jamison Plaza, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

We discussed organisation of our participation given John's absence at the time.

## 9. Events Program

John outlined the planned events in [item 2](#) of his Coordinator's Report, namely:

- Jamison Joint ParkCare Display – September 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) to 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)
- Spring bird walk (Date TBA, possibly September)

- Spring Wildflower Walk at the Pinnacle (Date TBA)
- Weetangera Primary School Fete (Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>)

## 10. Other Business

- a. Weetangera paddock revegetation  
Len Taylor described the purchases, made from funds held for us by GCG, to facilitate the revegetation trials being carried out in the Weetangera paddock.  
He subsequently provided a consolidated list of expenditure ([Attachment D](#))
- b. Subscribing to National e-deposit (NED) ([Attachment E](#))  
We received a letter notifying us of changes to the deposit of publications with the ACT and National heritage collections,  
After discussion it was agreed we should make sure that we are doing what is required.  
**Action:** Warren to follow up and do whatever is required (if anything).
- c. Proposal from local real estate agent Cristina O'Brien to write an article about fotpin for RiotACT (as previously circulated)  
It was agreed that this would be a beneficial thing to do. OK, talk to JB and/or me  
**Action:** Warren to respond to Cris and arrange for her to interview appropriate members.
- d. Recreational Drones in Nature Reserves – message from FoMM ([Attachment F](#))  
We received a message from Waltraud (Friends of Mt. Majura) canvassing support for a letter she has sent to the Minister for the Environment Mick Gentleman (and to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna Ian Walker) requesting them to ban the use of recreational drones in CNP.  
After discussion it was agreed that John should offer appropriate support.
- e. Mulching the May Planting  
Arrangements were discussed for spreading mulch delivered by ParkCare Ranger Marty to the planting site.

## 11. Proposed date for next meeting

Confirmation of proposed meeting schedule.

November 4<sup>th</sup> subject to it not clashing with the regular GCG meeting, otherwise Nov 11<sup>th</sup> .

**Meeting closed** at 9-25 pm.

Warren Bond

Fotpin Secretary

08 Aug 2019

**Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence between since March meeting****Major items of correspondence since 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Correspondents<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary content</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Alison McLeod ****	Volunteers Week	
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Call for contributions
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Alison McLeod ****	World Environment Day	Invitation
		Fringe Forum- Weed management in the ACT	Reminder
30 <sup>th</sup> May; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	John Brannan Karissa Preuss, Fiona Spier, GCG	Access to funds remaining from previous grants	Request to use it to fund revegetation work
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Linda Roberts, ACT Heritage	2019 ACT Heritage Awards	Nominations now open
	Karissa Preuss, GCG	June GCG Meeting	Reminder
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	John Connelly, GCG	Access to funds remaining from previous grants	Fotpin account has \$916.79 at present
	Alison McLeod ****	ParkCare Brains Trust	Announcement of commencement
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Alison McLeod ****	Training	Reminder of First Aid and Chemcert Training and Fringe Forum
	Karissa Preuss, GCG	GCG Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Reminder and Agenda
7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	John Brannan Michelle Nairn **	Use of steel pegs in tree guards	Request for approval to use
8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Michelle Nairn ** John Brannan	Use of steel pegs in tree guards	Approved
	Karissa Preuss, GCG	GCG Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Reports for discussion
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Now available
	Alison McLeod ****	Draft Policy on cats	Open for comment
14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	LandCare Australia	LandCare Awards	Call for nominations
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Alison McLeod **** John Brannan	Volunteer Name Badges	Available on request
	John Brannan Alison McLeod ****	Volunteer Name Badges	Requested for members who volunteer at public events
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	ACT Heritage Library	National E-Deposit for publications	Transfer of ACT collections in future to the National Scheme
	Alison McLeod ****	2019 ParkCare training/ event schedule	Now available
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Shane Newman (Southern Cross Early Childhood School) John Brannan	Nest Boxes	Request for information on construction and reply

26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ian Rayner (Greening Australia) John Brannan	Sites of May planting	Request for and supply of locations
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Wade Young ****	Environmental burn in Pinnacle Extension	Update
1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Alison McLeod ****	End of Financial Year Reporting of Effort	Reminder
	Marty Bajt * John Brannan	Mulching of May plantings	Offer by Marty to do this and acceptance
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Brett Howland, PCS Warren Bond	Recommended grasses for restoration	List as promised at AGM – see <a href="http://www.fotpin.org.au/grassland_restoration.html">www.fotpin.org.au/grassland_restoration.html</a>
	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Call for contributions
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Now available
11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	John Brannan Marty Bajt *	Pinnacle Noticeboard	Report of successful refurbishment (replacement of corflute and clean-up)
14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Karissa Preuss, GCG	Opportunity to meet new Landcare Ambassador	
20 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Linda Beveridge John Brannan	ParkCare Groups display at Jamison Plaza	Start of planning for 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> September
25 <sup>th</sup>	Cristina O'Brien Warren Bond	Proposal to write an article about fotpin for RiotACT	

† the originator of the correspondence is listed first; fotpin addressee listed only if the correspondence is particularly addressed to that person

\* ParkCare Ranger: Marty Bajt

\*\* Pinnacle Ranger: Michelle Nairn

\*\*\* NorthSide Senior Ranger: Andrew Halley

\*\*\*\* Volunteer Programs Manager: Alison McLeod

\*\*\*\*\* Offsets Ranger

GCG: Ginninderra Catchment Group

LDA: Land Development Association

## Attachment B. Convenor's Report

Despite Winter being the quietest time of year at the reserve, there still seems to be quite a lot going on.

### 1. Molonglo Water Main

The construction phase of this project is finally drawing to an end. The pipeline is now fully laid and the contractors have started removing the fencing and planting trees along the cleared construction corridor. There's still a lot of cleaning up to do and the work of restoring the vegetation will take several years.

We will continue to liaise with the contractors involved and relay any important details to the group.

### 2. Upcoming Events

- **Jamison Joint ParkCare Display – September 13 (Fri.) to 15 (Sun.)**

We will be taking part once again in this very successful annual display held at the Jamison Shopping Centre in Macquarie. The other groups involved this year are our neighbours the Friends of Mt Painter, the Friends of Aranda Bushland, the Friends of Black Mountain, the Friends of Grasslands, the Ginninderra Catchment Group, the Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park and the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group.

As always, we will need volunteers to staff the stall from Friday morning through to Sunday afternoon. If you'd like to help out, please take a look at the online roster and pop your name in one of the empty slots in the fotpin column:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/189RQmMY\\_OQjQyadXiAKFkEwgEBV7u4zX5-nOBtCHgaM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/189RQmMY_OQjQyadXiAKFkEwgEBV7u4zX5-nOBtCHgaM/edit)

Unfortunately, I won't be here for the event this year as I will be over on Lord Howe Island doing bird surveys that weekend, but feel free to drop me an email ([convenor@fotpin.org.au](mailto:convenor@fotpin.org.au)) if you have any questions in the meantime.

- **Spring Bird Walk at the Pinnacle – Date TBA (poss. late Sept.)**

Spring is always an exciting time at the Pinnacle as the resident birds and the migratory species come to the reserve to use its woodlands and tree hollows as nesting sites. I will be leading a walk through some of the best bird-friendly habitat in the reserve to take a discreet look at what the birds are up to.

- **Spring Wildflower Walk at the Pinnacle – Date TBA**

In the hope that we will actually get some rain this spring, we are optimistically planning another walk this year to look at the wealth of native wildflowers that bloom every year (almost) at the reserve.

- **Weetangera Primary School Fete – Sunday November 17th**

We are planning to hold a display stall for the Pinnacle at the fete again this year, as usual. We'll send out a reminder email closer to the date, but please note this date in your calendar if you're interested in helping out on the stall.

- **Butterfly Walk – Date TBA**

I will be asking Butterfly guru Suzi Bond to again lead a walk looking at the Pinnacle's butterflies. Watch this space!

### 3. Weetangera Paddock Revegetation

Over the winter, long-time fotpin volunteer Len Taylor has been hard at work sprouting and nurturing native grass and forb seedlings from seed gathered on the reserve. His aim is the help restore the groundcover burned off by last year's hazard reduction burns in the Weetangera Paddock. To help with this (and future) projects, fotpin has invested in a compact portable greenhouse for raising seedlings and protecting them from Canberra's harsher frosts. Len has also spearheaded a project for fabricating small wire mesh guards for his new seedlings, along with short steel stakes used to anchor the guards in place. He and his team have already planted close to 50 new native Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*) grass seedlings in the cleared areas of Weetangera Paddock with plans to plant up to 250 seedlings in all. This is all on top of Len's sterling work in rescuing and re-siting Kangaroo Grass tussocks from the pipeline corridor to Weetangera Paddock. Great work Len!

#### **4. Offset**

We were informed at the end of July that the scheduled ecological burn in the offset was imminent, and the prescribed burns website confirmed that the burn would be taking place on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are optimistic that this will be the more frequently used form of hazard reduction in future, rather than the grazing that has been used in the past. In the past, we have frequently observed the destructive impacts of grazing, both direct and indirect, in North Kama and look forward to a more flexible approach to hazard reduction in the future.

#### **5. Noticeboard**

You may be relieved to hear that we have finally successfully refurbished the Pinnacle noticeboard. The original corflute backing inside the noticeboard had decayed over time and was visibly falling apart, so PCS supplied us with two new sheets of corflute, complete with UV-resistant coating. The redoubtable Gilbert and I installed said new corflute sheets on July 9<sup>th</sup> and I am now working on putting together new display materials to adorn the new backing sheets. Many thanks to PCS for supplying the materials and to Gilbert for his invaluable assistance.

#### **6. 30 Years of ParkCare**

A half-day forum is being organised to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ParkCare in the ACT. The event will be held at the Yarramundi Cultural Centre on Yarramundi Reach, off Lady Denman Drive, on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10 am and finishing with a delicious BBQ lunch. The event will feature exhibitions of photos and other memorabilia from the early days of ParkCare in Canberra and will include a few short speeches by some of ParkCare's local pioneers. The event will also look forward to the next 30 years and hopefully spark some constructive conversations on how best to address the challenges and opportunities that the future will bring.

#### **7. Roo cull**

Other than the announcement on the ABC that this year's cull successfully reached its target of just over 4,000 roos (a quarter of which were at Mt Ainslie-Majura), we have not yet had any updates on whether any roos were culled at the Pinnacle or if so, how many. I have asked Marty to make inquiries but have yet to hear back.

John Brannan  
5 August, 2019

**Attachment C. Treasurer's Report**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
for the period 30-Apr-2018 to 31-July-2019

<b>Opening balance on 30-Apr-2018</b>		<b>\$2332.53</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership and donations	\$60.00	
J Clothier \$20, P Lord \$40		
Sale of brochures	\$0.00	
Interest	\$0.10	
	\$60.10	
<b>Payments</b>		
Supplies		
	\$0.00	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments		\$60.10
<b>Closing balance on 31-July-2019</b>		<b>\$2,392.63</b>
<b>Reconciled to:</b>		
"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	\$2210.28	
Petty Cash	\$182.35	
		\$2,392.63
Less unrepresented Cheques	\$0.00	
Total		<b>\$2392.63</b>

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).

Margo Hellyer  
Treasurer  
5 August 2019



**Attachment D. Expenditure on Revegetation of Weetangera paddock****Total Expenditure for Seed Germination and Tube Stock Planting**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>INVOICE/ QUOTE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Mini Grow Grande - shelved edition	Grow-Fresh Greenhouses	5838	\$340.50
10mm galvanised steel rod – 252m cut 504/500mm long	Herzog Steel Fyshwick	01753439 00	\$857.69
Whites – netting 30x4x1.4 - 100m	Murrumbateman Rural Supplies	315600	\$120.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,318.19</b>

Len Taylor  
6th August 2019

**Attachment E. Letter from ACT Heritage Library, 18th June 2019**

Dear Friends of the Pinnacle,

The ACT Heritage Library collects publications that relate directly to the ACT and region to document the social, cultural and economic life of the Territory. The library has been collecting and preserving copies of your publications directly through your email distribution network. We are now transitioning to collection through the National E-Deposit (NED) partnership with the national, state and territory libraries.

[NED](#) has now launched. **NED** enables you to deposit your electronic publications through a single portal. It also ensures their ongoing preservation and online accessibility through the Australian database [Trove](#), while fulfilling your legal deposit obligations.

Depositing electronic publications is straightforward. If you publish regularly, such as a newsletter or journal, we recommend that you register as a publisher with NED. Registering with NED and creating a user account is uncomplicated and need only happen once. Upon registration as a publisher, we will provide you with a unique email address for future deposits.

With NED, publishers can nominate how, where and when electronic publications are accessed.

[NED Resources](#) has further information on electronic legal deposit and how to use NED. Please contact the ACT Heritage Library at [TCCS.NED@act.gov.au](mailto:TCCS.NED@act.gov.au) if you have any questions or need any assistance.

We look forward to preserving your publications and continuing to make them accessible into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Antoinette Buchanan

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**Attachment F. Letter from Friends of Mt. Majura regarding Recreational Drones in Nature Reserves**

Waltraud Pix  
Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) Project coordinator

5 August 2019

Mick Gentleman  
Minister for the Environment and Heritage  
Ian Walker  
Conservator for Flora and Fauna, [EPSDDComms@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDComms@act.gov.au)

**Request to ban the use of recreational drones in Canberra Nature Park (CNP)**

Dear Mick, dear Ian

I'm writing to request your help and action to ban the use of recreational drones in Canberra Nature Park (CNP).

On Sunday 21 July during a work party held by the Friends of Mt Majura in the nature reserve east of The Fair in North Watson a drone flew at very high speed approximately three meters above our heads. The drone was weaving through trees and emitting a loud high pitch noise. It felt like an attack from the air.

This was the second time I experienced drones in that area. Several weeks earlier I was alerted by high pitch noise in the same area and found three young men conducting a drone race. I approached the men and they assured me that they have permission to use recreational drones in CNP reserves, including in the Mulligan's Flat nature reserve. I find this difficult to believe.

Mt Majura nature reserve provides habitat for declared and declining woodland bird species and has a known Wedged-tailed eagle nest. Mt Majura's west slope to the east of Antill Street is the last refuge of small woodland birds which have disappeared in the reserve east of Hackett and Ainslie. Friends of Mt Majura are working hard to improve and protect bird habitat at various sites including in the nature reserve east of The Fair.

The birds are already exposed to stressors such as roaming cats, foxes and dogs on and off leash. There is mounting evidence that recreational drones increase the stress level of wildlife particularly of birds particularly during breeding season. Recreational drones are banned in national parks of other countries since their use cannot be reconciled with the management objective of environmental conservation of these natural areas.

Visitors of CNP and volunteers working in the CNP reserves have a legitimate interest in enjoying the wildlife and the peace and quiet of these natural areas without being harassed and feeling threatened by drones.

I urge you to consider my request to ban the use of recreational drones in CNP and I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,