



## Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7-30 pm

### Minutes

**Present on-line:** John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Mike Hall, Denise Hall, Len Taylor, Anne Aisbett.

#### 1. Apologies

Alana Wilkes.

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

It was moved by John and seconded by Warren that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting.  
Agreed.

##### a. Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

##### 20221107: Item 5 Treasurer's report

**Action:** John to contact Kat McGilp regarding reporting of grant money held by GCG for fotpin.

**Completed.** This was discussed further under Item 5 Treasurer's Report.

##### 20221107: Item 11 Other Business

**Action:** John to contact Wally Bell (Ngunnawal elder) and Kat McGilp (GCG) re First Nation's language content on signs.

**In progress.** John has contacted Wally, and will follow-up with him.

##### 20220908: Item 12 Business Arising

**Action:** John to request PCS to update fotpin brochure on the PCS website.

**Pending.** Warren will find the link in question and forward to John to query PCS.

**Action:** John will ask Lauren to remedy the missing entries on the ParkCare Hub.

**Pending.** John has asked Lauren but has yet to check if this has been addressed.

##### 20220207: Item 2 Business Arising

**Action:** John to work with Len to produce laminated signs for the seed sites.

**Completed.**

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

Noted.

**Business arising** (other than that to be dealt with under other items):

None.

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

John had previously circulated his report. The main topics included:

- Overview of general conditions on the reserve, including weed control. Warren queried John's statement that weeds other than St John's Wort were under control, John agreed to amend this.
- The Interpretive signage project. This was also covered further under Item 11 Interpretive Signage. Mike queried the implications of the Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG) donation that is being used for project, including any requirement to acknowledge the funding in the signage.
- The Molongolo Watermain Revegetation project. John reported that trial seedings in the Icon water tanks compound have been disappointing. John suggested that it may be more effective to copy Kelzang's strategy of soil improvement followed by planting trees and shrubs. Mike queried how firm the August 2023 deadline for spending the watermain corridor revegetation grant is. John noted that he has attempted to get clarification of this and request an extension of 1-2 years, but to date has received no reply.
- The successful November bird walk and Weetangera Primary School fete.

**Action:** Mike to email Julian in the GCG for advice on how firm the deadline for spending the watermain corridor revegetation grant money is.

**Action:** John to meet with John Fitz Gerald to develop a plan for next steps in the watermain revegetation project.

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

Mike had previously circulated the report for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 Jan 2023. Mike reported that the clarification of the process for spending grant monies is still being developed He will formulate a proposed process and email it to GCG for comment, then forward it to fotpin CC members for approval. Warren requested that he be paid the money he is owed. Mike will action this.

**Action:** Mike to clarify process for spending grant monies with GCG, then circulate the agreed process to the fotpin CC for approval.

#### 6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report. He noted that the current membership remains unchanged at 108. The number of other people who have requested to be on our email lists increased by 2 to 228, making the total number of people on the email lists 336.

#### 7. Weed Management

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (November to January) was 316 hours, 36% more than for the same 3 months last season but 11% below average for those three months for the previous 12 seasons. The largest proportion of effort (39%) was spent spraying St. John's Wort. Top non-spraying targets were Miscellaneous broadleaf weeds and grasses (28%, primarily in Weetangera paddock) and Spear and other thistles (17%). The next largest effort was spraying of Briars and Blackberries (7%)

Ranger Kelzang was able to obtain funds from the Offsets budget for a contractor to spray St. John's Wort in much of the less sensitive areas of Kama Link paddock as well as nearby areas in

the main reserve as a buffer. Efforts in the rest of the reserve have concentrated on areas with the most native plant diversity and Eastern and Weetangera paddocks.

There has been an outbreak of Blackberries this season, with more than there has been for 10 years. Warren requested that anyone spotting blackberries on the reserve report their location.

The briar prevalence to this point of the season seems no greater than in the past couple of seasons, which was about 5% of the number 10 years ago. Overall, Verbascum is present in reduced numbers this season as well, especially *V. thapsus*. The analysis of the Verbascum monitoring patch at 5-ways has been updated to include the 2022 data and continues to show that summer rainfall is one key determinant of Verbascum prevalence in the following year, but that continued control can reduce the actual prevalence below that predicted from rainfall.

A summary of weed control [effort for the first six months of the 2022-2023 season](#) is available on the website.

## 8. Information and Outreach

### a. Website

No significant additions were made to the website in the last 3 months apart from updating the Verbascum analysis at 5-ways and routine monthly updates.

Another regularly updated page is the Flora and Fauna page and its linked native species count and plant lists. Since the numbers were tallied for the August Update we have added 28 new native species in the Reserve which brings the total to 898. This included 12 new native plant species, bringing the total number of those to 259.

Two of the shrub species added to our list in in the past 18 months have now been found to be widely distributed across the reserve (though not in large numbers), namely *Olearia lirata* (Snowy daisybush) and *Cassinia aculeata subsp. aculeata* (Common cassinia, Dolly bush).

The number of unique visitors in the 3 months since November 1st has averaged 203/month which is right on the long-term average for the last few years but 9% down on the previous 3 months (Aug-Oct).

Interest in walking pages has almost dropped back to the pre-Covid level.

“Recent weeding” (145 unique views) was the most sought after page in this period, followed by “Newsletters” (86 unique views), the walking track map page (59 unique views), The Verbascum story at 5 ways page (42 unique views), Weeds home page (40 unique views), “About the Pinnacle” (33 unique views), “Plants of The Pinnacle” (31 unique views), the Erosion page (27 unique views) and the “Walking home page” (25 unique views).

### b. Social Media

Denise reported that there were 457 followers on the facebook page, up by 4, and 131 followers on Instagram, which is up by 3.

## 9. Events Program

Upcoming events include:

- A bird walk in May
- The Hawker Primary School fete, although this has yet to be confirmed

There was some discussion on other possible events, including different types of walk. Denise suggested that Warren lead a walk on the best parts of the Reserve, including those with the most biodiversity. Denise also suggested revisiting the walk previously lead by ranger Craig. Warren will consider developing a walk based on the European history in the Reserve, which would fill a gap in autumn when wildflower walks are less interesting.

**Action:** John to contact Hawker Primary School to confirm if/when their fete will be.

**Action:** Warren to consider developing new walks based on biodiversity and European history in the Reserve.

## 10. Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Report ([Attachment D](#))

Len had circulated his report before the meeting. There was some discussion of the problems in direct seeding.

Warren agreed to put Weetangera Ground Cover Plantings in Attachment D on the Revegetation section of Fotpin web and also to make Len's map more like the others on that section.

## 11. Interpretive signage

John reported on the establishment of a working group for this project, and progress to date. See Item 4 Convenor's report for more details. Denise questioned whether directional signage on the Kama Link trail could be included, as the path was very unclear. John advised that there was not enough money for this. Anne mentioned that Alana has written clear walking track instructions for this, which should help.

**Action:** John to develop a timeline for this project.

## 12. Other Business

- a. Proposed new Territory Plan: Prior to the meeting Len had raised concerns with the plan, which proposes to add a variety of allowable uses, including hydrogen production, to land zoned as "NUZ3 Hills, Ridges and Buffer Zone". This zoning includes some Nature Reserves.

While noting that there were various conflicting maps of Land Zones extant on ACT Government websites, Warren circulated the map of land zones for the Belconnen area extracted from the Draft Territory Plan itself. This shows that most of the Pinnacle Nature Reserve is not mapped to zone "NUZ3". The exception is the north-western half of the 2016 Pinnacle Extension (Offset) or Kama Link paddock. Warren expressed surprise that an Offset area might be considered for other than its original purpose, but that we should seek clarification from the ACT government. Other nearby reserves such as Kama and Jarramlee (another Offset area) are completely zoned NUZ3. John stated that this is best raised by larger organisations such as Ginninderra Catchment Group.

- b. **Action:** John to raise the proposed new Territory Plan at the next Convenors' meeting and suggest a joint response from GCG. Len queried the correspondence items regarding the development of a weed manual for volunteers. John agreed to forward the relevant emails to him.

## 13. Proposed date for next meeting.

The next meeting and the AGM will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May, with the CC meeting at 1:30 pm and the AGM at 2:00 pm. There was some discussion of who could be asked as guest speaker at the AGM. Suggestions included someone from the Mulligan's Flat group, who have been doing

interesting things; John or Warren on biodiversity and species mapping in the Reserve; or someone on climate change. John will contact Lauren for suggestions.

**Action:** John to arrange the venue for the AGM.

**Meeting closed** at 9.00 pm.

Anne Aisbett  
Fotpin Secretary  
23rd February 2023

**Attachment A. Major items of correspondence since November 2022 Meeting****ParkCare**

<b>1. From</b>	<b>To (if specific)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Lauren McQueen		7 <sup>th</sup> November	Design Canberra Festival: Waterways Country Symposium
Len Taylor	Lauren McQueen	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Request for gaiters
Lauren McQueen	Len Taylor	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Gaiters
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Pinnacle (non-)listing on the Hub
Lauren McQueen		14 <sup>th</sup> November	ParkCare Convenors Meeting - North - Meeting Details and Agenda
Lauren McQueen		15 <sup>th</sup> November	International Volunteer Day / End of Year Celebration
Claire Conti	John Brannan	16 <sup>th</sup> November	FOTPIN interpretive signs
John Brannan	Claire Conti; Martin Bajt; GCG Communications Officer; Alana Wilkes; Anne Aisbett	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs
Claire Conti	John Brannan	17 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs
Lauren McQueen		26 <sup>th</sup> November	End of Year Event - Monday 5 December
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Dates/times to meet on reserve
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Dates/times to meet on reserve
Lauren McQueen		30 <sup>th</sup> November	Weed ID Training Tomorrow - 3 Spots Left!
Chris Evans	John Brannan	1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parkcare gear pickup
John Brannan	Chris Evans	1 <sup>st</sup> December	Re: Parkcare gear pickup
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Re: Pinnacle visit
Chris Evans	John Brannan	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Re: Parkcare gear pickup
Lauren McQueen		5 <sup>th</sup> December	A Message of Thanks this International Volunteer Day
Marty Bajt		7 <sup>th</sup> December	FB828 Pinnacle Burn Map for comments
Lauren McQueen		7 <sup>th</sup> December	ParkCare Volunteer Management - Team Update
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FB828 Pinnacle Burn Map

Marty Bajt	John Brannan; John Fitz Gerald	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FB828 Pinnacle Burn Map
John Brannan	Claire Conti; GCG Communications Officer; Alana Wilkes; Anne Aisbett	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs — meeting time
Claire Conti	John Brannan; GCG Communications Officer; Alana Wilkes; Anne Aisbett	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs — meeting time
Claire Conti	John Brannan; GCG Communications Officer; Alana Wilkes; Anne Aisbett	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs — links and files for design guidelines
John Brannan	Claire Conti	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: FOTPIN interpretive signs — links and files for design guidelines
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	16 <sup>th</sup> December	CNP North what a year — Project Reports from CNP North
Claire Conti	John Brannan; GCG Communications Officer; Alana Wilkes; Anne Aisbett	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Meeting re fotpin interpretive signs
Lauren McQueen		23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Convenor Meeting Minutes - November 2022
Lauren McQueen		23 <sup>rd</sup> December	A Big 2022 Thank You
Lauren McQueen		23 <sup>rd</sup> December	ParkCare Staff Movements: Holiday Period
Lauren McQueen		9 <sup>th</sup> January	Lessons learnt from 10 years of environmental weed mapping
Lauren McQueen		10 <sup>th</sup> January	2023 ParkCare Hub Calendar – working party dates
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	11 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: 2023 ParkCare Hub Calendar – working party dates
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: 2023 ParkCare Hub Calendar – working party dates
Lauren McQueen		16 <sup>th</sup> January	Canberra Tree Week 2023
Lauren McQueen		16 <sup>th</sup> January	Have Your Say - ACT Planning

Lauren McQueen		18 <sup>th</sup> January	Commemorating the 2003 Canberra bushfires
Claire Conti	John Brannan	19 <sup>th</sup> January	The Pinnacle - FOTPIN interpretive signage — follow up from December meeting
John Brannan	Claire Conti	19 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: The Pinnacle - FOTPIN interpretive signage — follow up from December meeting
Claire Conti	John Brannan	19 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: The Pinnacle - FOTPIN interpretive signage — follow up from December meeting
Lauren McQueen		30 <sup>th</sup> January	ANU Climate Update 2023 - Free Event
Lauren McQueen		30 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Available on the ParkCare Hub
Lauren McQueen		31 <sup>st</sup> January	World Wetlands Day Celebration - Saturday 4 February 2023
Lauren McQueen		31 <sup>st</sup> January	2023 Convenor Meeting Dates

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD

Chris Evans: Volunteer and Visitor Experience Team, EPSDD

### PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Ren Webb	John Brannan; Kym Birgan; Kelzang Tshering	4 <sup>th</sup> November	Draft Landscape Improvement Implementation Plan for the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Ren Webb	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: draft Landscape Improvement Implementation Plan for the Pinnacle
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Permission to use vehicle on ACTEW Pump Track for spraying purposes
Ren Webb	Warren Bond	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Permission granted
Len Taylor	Ren Webb	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Permission to use vehicle for planting in Pinnacle
Kelzang Tshering	Len Taylor	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Permission to use vehicle for planting in Pinnacle
Tenzin Phuntsho	Convenors	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Tools in ParkCare Trailer restocked
Tenzin Phuntsho	fotpin	21 <sup>st</sup> November	ParkCare Weed book — call for participants
John Brannan	Tenzin Phuntsho	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Re: ParkCare Weed book



Ren Webb	John Brannan	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Draft major carpark orientation sign and AD sign
John Brannan	Ren Webb	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Draft major carpark orientation sign and AD sign
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	29 <sup>th</sup> November	African Lovegrass patch in Eastern paddock at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Taking my car into the reserve tomorrow
Ren Webb	John Brannan	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Re: Taking my car into the reserve tomorrow
Kelzang Tshering	Ren Webb; John Brannan	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Track on SW slope of the Pinnacle
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: African Lovegrass patch
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Driving in to PNR tomorrow
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Driving in to PNR tomorrow
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb; Kym Birgan; Tenzin Phuntsho	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Vehicle access to Icon water tanks compound
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	18 <sup>th</sup> December	New plantings in the Icon water tanks compound
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Driving in to PNR tomorrow
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb; Kym Birgan	1 <sup>st</sup> January	Hazard on Kama link gate
Tenzin Phuntsho		16 <sup>th</sup> January	Maintenance for ParkCare Signboards
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	17 <sup>th</sup> January	Spraying and gate problem
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	17 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: Spraying and gate problem
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	17 <sup>th</sup> January	Spraying and gate problem

Kym Birgan, Michelle Ralph: Senior Ranger, Northside (shared)

Kelzang Tshering: District Ranger, Belconnen Hills reserves

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Tenzin Phuntsho: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

### Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
GCG		4 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG AGM 2022
GCG		4 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG General members meeting

John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson; Kathryn McGilp	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Help with interpretive sign design for the Pinnacle
Kathryn McGilp	Fotpin committee	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Status of fotpin grants and member funds
Mike Hall	Kathryn McGilp	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Status of fotpin grants and member funds
Kathryn McGilp	Fotpin committee	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Status of fotpin grants and member funds
Kathryn McGilp	Fotpin committee	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Status of fotpin grants and member funds — clarification
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Help with interpretive sign design for the Pinnacle
Kathryn McGilp	Suzanne Richardson; John Brannan; Anne Aisbett; Alana Wilkes	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Interpretive signs — quote for signage
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson; Kathryn McGilp	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Interpretive signs — more detailed information
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson; John Brannan; Anne Aisbett; Alana Wilkes	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Meeting re Interpretive signs
Len Taylor	Kathryn McGilp	10 <sup>th</sup> November	Hamilton planter
Kathryn McGilp	Len Taylor	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Hamilton planter
Len Taylor	Kathryn McGilp	10 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Hamilton planter
GCG		14 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG AGM 2022
GCG		14 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG Christmas Party
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Interpretive signs — deed of grant details
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan; Kathryn McGilp; Anne Aisbett; Alana Wilkes	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: meeting re interpretive signs
Kathryn McGilp		16 <sup>th</sup> November	End of year celebration
Kathryn McGilp		17 <sup>th</sup> November	CGC AGM 2022 — call for nominations
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan; Anne Aisbett	17 <sup>th</sup> November	Interpretive signage deed of grant
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	17 <sup>th</sup> November	Re: Interpretive signage deed of grant

Kathryn McGilp		18 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG Christmas party — 2 December
Kathryn McGilp		20 <sup>th</sup> November	GCG General Members meeting
GCG		21 <sup>st</sup> November	GCG General Members meeting
Kathryn McGilp		21 <sup>st</sup> November	Re: GCG General Members meeting
Kathryn McGilp		24 <sup>th</sup> November	Inquiry into environmental volunteerism 2022 — report tabled
Kathryn McGilp		24 <sup>th</sup> November	Minutes for GCG General Members meeting
Suzanne Richardson		25 <sup>th</sup> November	Please send me your December/early January events
Kathryn McGilp		30 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Information Session - Belconnen Subsurface Wetlands
Kathryn McGilp		1 <sup>st</sup> December	GCG Christmas Party - 2nd December
Kathryn McGilp		1 <sup>st</sup> December	GCG AGM 2022 — Agenda
Kathryn McGilp		6 <sup>th</sup> December	GCG Christmas Party — thanks and plant instructions
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: GCG Christmas Party
Kathryn McGilp		12 <sup>th</sup> December	GCG AGM 2022 — Minutes and group/people movements
Karissa Preuss		16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thanks from Landcare and shut down period
Suzanne Richardson		12 <sup>th</sup> January	New online calendar for group events
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: New online calendar for group events
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Re: New online calendar for group events
Kathryn McGilp		18 <sup>th</sup> January	Welcome back in 2023
Kathryn McGilp		24 <sup>th</sup> January	Register for Clean Up Australia Day 2023?
Suzanne Richardson	GCG Group Convenors	25 <sup>th</sup> January	Please email me your Feb Landcare events by Fri 10am
Kathryn McGilp		25 <sup>th</sup> January	You're Invited: Presenting A Biodiversity Network for the ACT

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Karissa Preuss: CEO, ACT Landcare

### Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton		21 <sup>st</sup> November	Weetangera School Fete stallholders pack

John Brannan	Jo Clay	4 <sup>th</sup> December	GCG Christmas Party chat re weeding budget
Vera Kurz		13 <sup>th</sup> December	Weed manual for volunteers in the ACT — draft manual
Jo Clay	John Brannan	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: GCG Christmas Party chat re weeding budget
John Brannan	Jo Clay	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: GCG Christmas Party chat re weeding budget
John Brannan	Vera Kurz	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Weed manual for volunteers in the ACT — draft manual
Vera Kurz	John Brannan	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Weed manual for volunteers in the ACT — draft manual
Warren Bond	Vera Kurz	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Weed manual for volunteers in the ACT — draft manual
Vera Kurz	Warren Bond	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Re: Weed manual for volunteers in the ACT — draft manual
Tracy Schultz		5 <sup>th</sup> January	Survey on supporting volunteers

Kelli Singer: Weetangera School Fete Coordinator

Kate Harvey-Sutton: Weetangera School Fete Coordinator

Jo Clay: Member for Ginninderra, ACT Legislative Assembly

Vera Kurz: Friends of Tuggeranong Hill

Tracy Schultz: Research Fellow, The University of Queensland

## Attachment B

### Convenor's Report

*February 2023*

After months of rain and bogged, inaccessible tracks, the reserve has now completely dried out and is fully accessible again. Like last summer, the wet weather has meant that the reserve's wildflowers have put on a wonderful show, particularly the ubiquitous paper daisies. I thought last year was spectacular, but this year has been even better. But, also like last year, the weeds have also benefited from the abundant moisture, with the St John's Wort having a particularly rampant year. We have done our best to keep it under control in the reserve's more pristine areas, but we do not have the resources to manage the Wort over the entire reserve, so some areas have been left to their own devices. The PCS rangers have also been at full stretch, so there has been little help from them this season, though they were able to send contractors in to spray some of the St John's Wort in the Kama Link Paddock. However, we have had considerable success keeping the other weeds under control. (See Warren's Weed Management report.)

#### 1. Interpretive Signage

A few months ago, we set up a working group to address the task of designing and producing interpretive signage for the reserve. The group consists of myself, fotpin Secretary Anne, committee member Alana, and GCG graphic designer Suzanne Richardson. Our tasks include selecting locations and themes for the signs, composing text and selecting images for those themes, and coming up with consistent and attractive designs for the signs. The working group also needs to identify the acknowledgments that need to go on the sign, source any government logos that must be used, and otherwise ensure that the signs meet the requirements of PCS. Thus far, we have selected the locations and tentative themes for five signs. Two will go at the main reserve entrances (Dungowan St in Hawker and Springvale Drive opposite De Salis St in Weetangera), a panorama-style sign will go on the Pinnacle summit, and there will be two trackside signs, one in the Stringybark Forest and the other at the dam. If funds allow, we may also add another trackside sign, which we are thinking of putting on the Pinnacle summit to supplement the panorama sign. We have decided that the main content for the two entrance signs will consist of a welcome to the reserve, including a component in Ngunawal language (to be contributed by Ngunawal elder Wally Bell), a map of the reserve showing recommended walks, and short descriptions of the walks. All the signs will include QR codes linking people to additional information on our website or other relevant websites. Alana and Anne have done some excellent work in choosing, describing and ground-truthing the recommended walks from both entrances, and I have contributed a tentative design for the entrance signs and one of the trackside signs.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the working group met with Claire Conti, Visitor Information Manager for PCS, who will be working with us to ensure that the signs meet the PCS requirements for interpretive signage on CNP reserves.

There is still a great deal to do, but the working group has made great progress towards achieving our goals. In the coming months, Suzanne will pull together the content we have produced into a design that reflects the existing design themes used in fotpin artwork, as well as clearly distinguishing our signage from the PCS signage used on the reserve. Once our designs are complete, we will approach the manufacturer/installer for a quote, at which point we will be able to make a final decision on how many signs we can afford. Our target is to complete the design work in time for sign installation by the end of the current financial year.

## 2. Molonglo Watermain Revegetation

The results of the trial seeding of the Icon water tanks compound in early September last year have been less than overwhelming, I think it is true to say. I have yet to visit the site for a close inspection with John Fitz Gerald to review the results, but my own inspection suggests to me that perhaps another revegetation strategy might be a better use of the funding we have been given. My current thinking is that we should perhaps take a leaf out of Kelzang's book and use his approach of planting more trees and shrubs in the remainder of the compound, in the hope that this will eventually lead to the accumulation of leaf litter and viable topsoil in which native grasses and forbs can grow. In the next few months, I will consult with John FG on site and try to come to a consensus about how best to proceed.

## 3. Weed Management

(See Warren's report.)

## 4. Events

- **Pinnacle Bird Walk (2) – November 20**

After having to postpone the walk for a week due to rain (of course!), about a dozen of us enjoyed a very pleasant morning visiting the Weetangera end of the reserve for a change. In starting the walk from the De Salis St car park, my hope was to be able to spend more time in the woodlands around the dam, which have been a very fruitful breeding site for some of our visiting migrants in the last few years. I'm pleased to say that, out of a relatively low total of 22 species for the morning, we were able to view 5 different species in various breeding activities, including Noisy Friarbirds, Weebills, Willie Wagtails and Leaden Flycatchers all building nests, and Magpie Larks feeding young chicks in their nest.

- **Weetangera Primary School Fete – December 4**

After having to cancel their annual fete for the last few years due to COVID, Weetangera Primary were finally able to hold the event this year, and it was a great success. The fotpin stall was kept busy throughout with a number of people signing up to join the fotpin contact list. Many thanks to everyone who helped out, particularly Mike and Denise who stepped in to do the setup.

## 5. Upcoming Events

- **Hawker Primary School Fete -- TBC**
- **Autumn bird walk – TBC**

John Brannan  
4 February 2023

**Attachment C Treasurer's Report**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
for the period 1 Nov 2022 to 31 Jan 2023

<b>Opening balance on 1 Nov 2022</b>			<b>\$2,301.13</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Bank Interest 30 Nov 2022	\$0.10		
		\$0.10	
<b>Payments</b>			
Reimbursement W Bond 8 Nov 22	\$51.95		
Bank Batch Payment Fees 30 Nov 22	\$ 0.20		
		\$52.15	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments			-\$52.05
<b>Closing balance on 31 Jan 2023</b>			<b>\$2,249.08</b>
<b>Reconciled to:</b>			
"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	\$2,066.73		
Petty Cash	\$182.35		
		\$2,249.08	
Total			<b>\$2,249.08</b>

**Other Liabilities**

Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG) – interpretative signage from 2017 included in the accounts (Refer Note 1)	\$1,300.00
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\$1,300.00

**Financial position at 31 Jan 2023**


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**\$ 949.08**

Financial Notes and Funding Requirements:

1. Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG)
  - a. Included in the above financial statement is \$1,300 donated in 2017 by HMLG for the provision of interpretative signage at the Pinnacle.
  - b. Stipulation by HMLG that this amount be used for interpretative signage reduces the available funds for general revenue by this amount.
  - c. These funds are held in the Beyond Bank account and must be spent on the intended purpose.
2. Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) – Grant funds allocated to Fotpin for projects
  - a. Residual of ACT Heritage Grant \$142.73
  - b. Labor Club Grant \$7,205.73
  - c. Group Account \$94.06
  - d. Molonglo Watermain Corridor vegetation management funds from Transport Canberra and City Services.  
Completion by 15 Aug 2023 \$10,909.09
  - e. Total value of all funds held and administered by GCG for Fotpin as at 10 May 2022 \$18,351.61  
(Confirmed 10 May 2022, Julian Low, GCG Finance Officer).
  - f. The GCG funds need to have the scope determined and approved by GCG who will provide the funding, once approved.

Mike Hall

Fotpin Treasurer  
4 February 2023



## Attachment D Weetangera Paddock Ground Cover Revegetation Update

### Direct Seeding

Since the November 2020 report it was noticed that sorrel seeds disturbed by raking germinated many more seedlings than the microlaena the microlaena did. Since it was possible to kill these with Agritone (MCPA) spray and we knew that it would not kill mature microlaena we had no other real choice but to spray and hope that the microlaena seedlings were not badly effected. Whilst this was successful the couple of weeks of dry weather later appeared to take a toll on some of the microlaena seedlings (now about 10mm high). There will be more work to do before we get good coverage.

### Planting

Only 13 *Dichopogon fimbriatus* tube stock have been planted and these were probably not ready to plant out (reasons given last November 2022 report) but no real choice because they naturally die back in summer.

However Jack Holland kindly donated a number of potted *Rytidosperma richardsonii* and *Themeda triandra* to John Brannan. Of these John, Grahame and Tom planted out 16 *Rytidosperma richardsonii* and some *Themeda* in Weetangera Paddock.

A summary of our our plantings to date is included in a form (except perhaps the map) which is suitable to go on Revegetation in Other Issues, section of the web.

### Weetangera Ground Cover plantings

Native ground cover of forbs and grasses are an important part of the ecology of the reserve and are sadly lacking. It is very noticeable that kangaroos do not eat the large exotic grasses such as wild oats and phalaris (which is actually toxic to kangaroos) but graze native grasses such as weeping grass (*Microlaena stipoides*), red leg (*Bothriochloa macra*) and kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*). Not so easy to notice is that forbs attract butterflies and moths as well as providing habitat and food for small birds. Adult eastern bearded dragons are vegetarian and would feed on this native ground cover.

These native plants have another important benefit in that they survive controlled burns and also provide a lower fire fuel load than the taller exotic grasses such as wild oats and phalaris. Experiments in Victoria have shown that that native grass pasture burns with three times less intensity than introduced grasses.

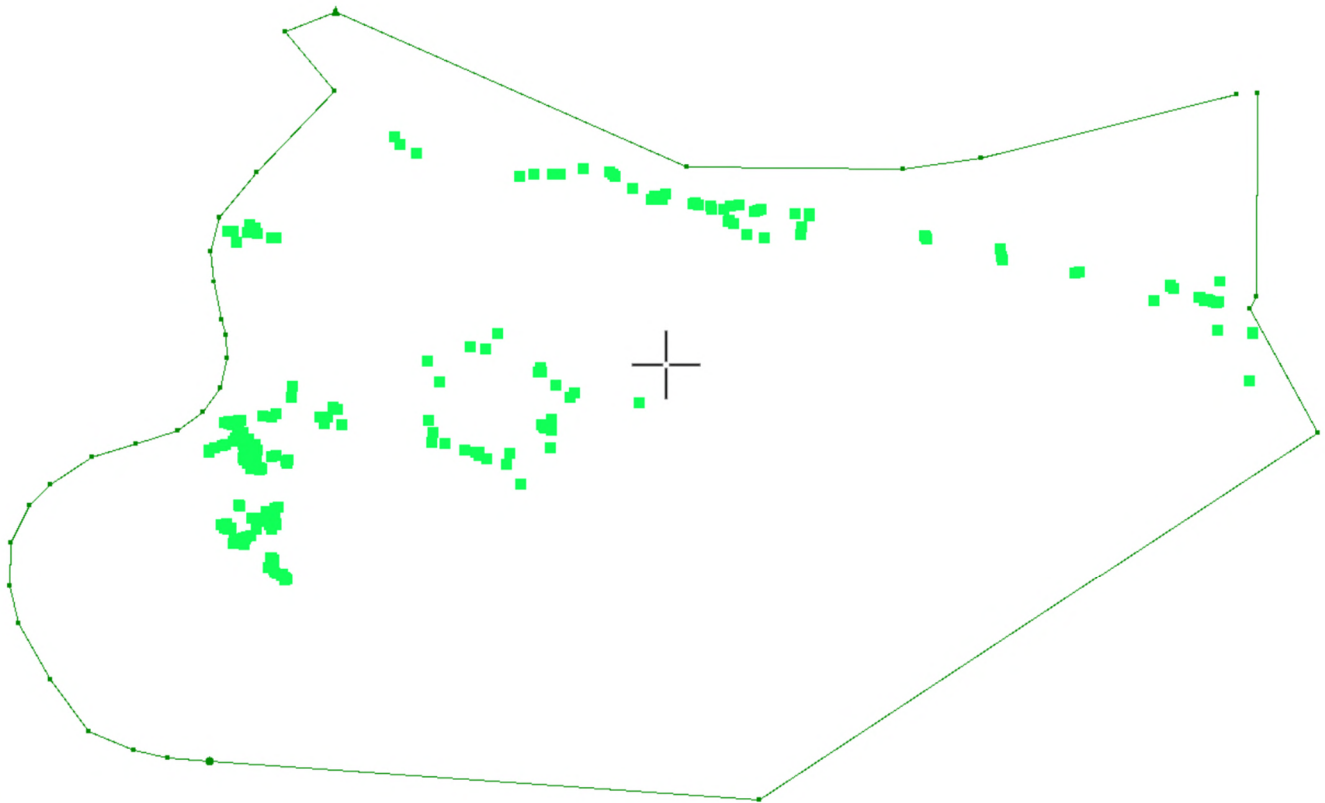
The Saturday morning volunteers have been growing grasses and forbs from seeds and planting this tube stock in the Weetangera Paddock. This has been supplemented by a purchase of 20 tube stock purchased from Greening Australia with Fotpin funds and some plants kindly donated by John Fitzgerald and Jack Holland. All of these are listed below in chronological order. Besides the Saturday morning volunteers the following help was given.

- Seeds were donated mainly by John Fitzgerald with some from Ken Hodgkinson and Rosemary Blemings. Len Taylor also collected seeds from the Pinnacle.
- In 2021 students and teachers, Melanie Monaghan and Katherine Talbot, from St Frances Xavier College kindly grew on about 120 of the tube stock raised from seed were grown. Also Timothy Gill's daughter, Yolanda, helped him plant out the *Anthosachne scabra*.
- Jean Taylor was heavily committed to watering seedlings to ensure their survival until established and regularly came to the aid when planting out was not progressing well.

At a rough guess the survival rate to date has been close to 90%. However the real test of benefit to the reserve is if they manage to multiply. So far we have only monitored success in this regard with *Microlaena*, *Austrostipa bigeniculata*, *Leucochrysum albicans* and *Xerochrysum viscosum*.

Weeding is a vitally important part of the work that all Fotpin volunteers do. It is also the main work of the Saturday volunteers and is also necessary to weed for successful planting and establishment of ground cover.

### Map of Plantings



*Planting Locations in Weetangera Paddock*

### List of Plantings

#### *Spring 2019*

Raised from seed

- 308 *Microlaena stipoides*
- 4 *Themeda triandra*
- 9 *Vittadinia*

Donated by John Fitzgerald

- 5 *Arthropodium frimbuatum*
- 23 *Senecio quadridentatus*

Purchased from GA

- 2 *Calotis lappulaceae*
- 5 *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*
- 5 *Rhodanthe anthemoides*
- 8 *Leucochrysum albicans*

*Totals 321 from seed 28 donated 20 purchased*

2020

*February*

Raised from seed

- 206 *Austostipa bigeniculata*

*August*

Raised from seed

- 297 *Bothriochloa macra*

- 7 *Calotis lappulaceae*

Planting Locations in Weetangera Paddock

*September*

Donated by John Fitzgerald

13 *Senecio quadridentatus*

*Totals 420 from seed 13 donated*

2021

*February - April*

Raised from seed

- 142 *Carex appressa*
- 7 *Joycea pallidum*
- 1 *Sorghum leiocladum*
- 2 *Hardenbergia violacea*
- 39 *Themeda triandra*

*May*

Donated by Jack Holland

- 8 *Themeda triandra*

*July*

Raised from seed

- 2 *Wahlenbergia gracilis*
- 61 *Leucochrysum albicans*
- 23 *Calotis lappulaceae*
- 42 *Xerochrysum viscosum*
- 13 *Vittadinia*

*October*

Raised from seed

- 50 *Anthosachne scabra*
- 60 *Leucochrysum albicans*
- 24 *Calotis lappulaceae*
- 36 *Xerochrysum viscosum*
- 6 *Themeda triandra*
- 4 *Microlaena stipoides*

*Totals 512 from seed 8 donated*

2022

*January*

Raised from seed

- 113 *Themeda triandra*
- 1 *Sorghum leiocladum*
- 7 *Rytidosperma*
- 6 *Aristida ramose*

- 2 *Wahlenbergia gracilis*

*November*

Raised from seed

- 26 *Poa labillardieri*
- 13 *Dichopogon fimbriatus*

Donated by Jack Holland

- 16 *Rytidosperma richardsonii*
- *Themeda triandra*

*Totals 39 from seed 16+ donated*