



Coordinating Committee Meeting
Monday 7th November 2022 7-30 pm
Minutes

Present (via Zoom Meetings): 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 9th August 2022 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

a. Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

20220908: Item 11 Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits commission registration

Action: Anne to document for future Secretaries the review of the Conflict of Interest Policy and registry.

Completed. Warren will place the documentation on the Dropbox shared drive.

20220908: Item 12 Business Arising

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

Pending.

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

Pending. John will follow up.

Action: John will ask Kelzang whether PCS or TCCS is responsible for the carpark work; and will follow up the concerns with them.

Completed.

20220207: Item 2 Business Arising

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

Pending: Len will redraft the signs for Warren to laminate.

20212211: Item 12 Other business

Action: John to request design specifications and other guidance on interpretive signs from PCS, and information on any plans that they have for signage.

Completed. PCS were unable to provide assistance. John has commenced work with Alana on the signs. This will be an item on the agenda for future meetings.

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

Noted. John will email some clarifications to Anne. Len queried if items of correspondence could be made available to any of the committee if requested. Agreed.

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:

- The Molongolo Pipeline trial seeding on 7th September.
- The successful Jamison Joint ParkCare Display held in September.
- Guided walks in the Pinnacle held in September and October.
- The Hawker College Tree Planting day on October 17th, at which fotpin assisted.
- Upcoming events, including another bird walk on 13th November and the Weetangera School Fete on 4th December.
- The new fotpin brochures have arrived.
- Warren and John's input into the 2023 ACT State of the Environment Report concerning experiences with the offset process.
- Warren's meeting with Kelzang regarding horses in the reserve. Warren reported that he had advised Kelzang about signs about horse access, but Kelzang has not yet acted on his suggestions.

John also reported that he and John Fitz Gerald will be participating in the Vegwatch survey on Wednesday 9th November and that John Fitz Gerald is working on the enclosure off the Valley Track and will be developing it as a seed bank.

Warren queried the outcomes of the Pipeline trial seeding. John replied that it was too early to tell, but that sites that had been mulched looked to have been most successful.

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

Mike had previously circulated the report for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022.

Warren queried the absence of the liability owed to him. Mike recirculated the report with this amendment after the meeting. There was some discussion of how the grant money held by GCG is reported.

Anne moved after the meeting that the revised Treasurer's Report be accepted; seconded John; Agreed.

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

6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report. He noted that the current membership has decreased by one from the previous report to 108. The number of other people who have requested to be on our email lists increased by 3 (9 added, 6 removed) to 226, making the total number of people on the email lists 334.

7. Weed Management

Warren had previously circulated his report. Weeding effort in the **last 3 months** (August to October) was 177 hours, almost double that for the same 3 months last season and just above average for those three months for the last 12 seasons. This included spraying *Verbascum* and *St. John's Wort* in areas not prioritised in peak season and spraying exotic grasses and miscellaneous broadleaf weeds in Weetangera paddock prior to planting in September.

The weeding effort for August (when most of the spraying was done) was the second largest ever. In contrast, while traditionally a busy weeding month, October had the lowest effort ever.

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

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

The number of unique visitors in the 3 months since August 1st has averaged 203/month which is right on the long-term average and 48% more than the previous 3 months (May-July). It was 26% down on the same period last season, when we were in lockdown and reserve and website usage was at an all-time high. Interest in walking pages (85 unique views per month) has dropped back to the pre-Covid level.

“Newsletters” (132 unique views) was the most sought after page on our site in this period, followed by “About the Pinnacle” (116 unique views), “Recent weeding” (103 unique views), “Plants of The Pinnacle” and the walking track map page (both on 68 unique views), the “Weather” page (48 unique views), “What’s on” (43 unique views), the “Weeds” home page (24 unique views), the “Flora & Fauna” page (27 unique views), the “Walking home page” (24 unique views), the “About fotpin” and the Fotpin Brochure (both on 23 unique views).

b. Social Media

Denise reported that there were 453 followers on the facebook page, up by 17, and 128 followers on Instagram, which is up by 4. Len added that following a post by Katrina a new volunteer turned up for the once- a- month Saturday weeding.

9. Events Program

As indicated in the Convenor’s report, upcoming events include:

- A bird walk on November 13th.
- The Weetangera Primary School fete on December 4th.

As John has a conflict with the date of the school fete, Mike and Denise will take on setting up the stall. John will email the membership for assistance with the fete.

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

Len had circulated his report before the meeting. John reported that he has been given kangaroo and wallaby grass seedlings, donate some to Len and plant the remainder in the revegetation area next to the Icon tanks compound.

11. Other Business

(a) New brochures

These have been printed and are available on the website.

(b) Proposal for Interpretive signage

John reported that he had received no help from ParkCare on this. He has started work with Alana on what will be required. Alana is preparing a timeline and to-do list. Anne will also help out. John has some come up with some layout designs. The signs will require some images, including a panorama shot for the sign at the top of the Pinnacle. John will ask Alison about

obtaining a professional photographer. Warren suggested that Nat Coyne may also be of assistance for this.

Current plans include:

- a sign at each entrance with a map with two or three colour-coded walking tracks, and a welcome in language if possible
- a sign at the dam, including a link to a frog identification site
- a sign at the stringybark woodland
- a sign at the summit of the Pinnacle with a panorama shot. There was some discussion on whether an additional track-style sign on the summit should include some geological or historical information
- QR codes on each sign with appropriate links to web content where it exists.

The work on the signs must be completed by end of June next year. John has approached Suzanne Richardson (GCG) for help with the design work. The Interpretive Signs project will be added to the Agenda for the next few meetings.

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

(c) Weed working parties

There was some discussion as to whether these would be useful. Len suggested Cape Weed would be a suitable target weed as it was easy to identify and chip. John and Warren questioned whether Cape Weed was enough of a problem this year to worry about, and that it was probably ineradicable anyway. Warren noted that there were now a number of native species including Bear's Ears in the reserve that looked like weeds, and there could be dangers in having large numbers of inexperienced weeders working unsupervised. Len stated that the core members of the Saturday group would be quite capable of such differentiation. Proposal abandoned.

(d) Landscape Improvement Implementation Plan

Fotpin has been asked for comments on this plan. Warren queried who it was written for, and who will be implementing which parts of it. John suggested we look through it for suggestions that we could action, and that ParkCare would be responsible for overall implementation.

12. Proposed date for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th of February, at a venue to be decided.

Meeting closed at 9-10 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
9th November 2022

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

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Lauren McQueen		11 th August	2022 National Volunteer Week — Schedule of Events
Ren Webb	John Brannan	9 th August	Scheduling Annual Planning meeting
John Brannan	Ren Webb	10 th August	Re: Scheduling Annual Planning meeting
Lauren McQueen		15 th August	2022-2023 Annual Planning Information Session - Meeting Minutes
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	27 th August	Thanks
Marty Bajt		29 th August	National Resource Management newsletter
Lauren McQueen		31 st August	ParkCare Annual Survey
Marty Bajt		31 st August	Subscription to ACT NRM newsletter
Lauren McQueen		31 st August	ParkCare Volunteering Hub update
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	2 nd September	Re: Thanks
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	2 nd September	Pinnacle brochure
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	2 nd September	Australian Fire Danger rating system
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	5 th September	A3 Spring walks posters for the Pinnacle
Marty Bajt		7 th September	Reserve traffic counters
Marty Bajt		13 th September	Assessing Farm Waterway Health
Marty Bajt		13 th September	ArcGIS account for Field Maps
Marty Bajt		14 th September	Orchid Walk on Black Mt - 51st Black Mt Spring Wildflower ramble
Lauren McQueen		15 th September	ParkCare staffing update
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	15 th September	Re: ParkCare staffing update
Marty Bajt		15 th September	Orchid Walk on Black Mt - 51st Black Mt Spring Wildflower ramble – booked out
Marty Bajt		16 th September	Mt Taylor Spring Wildflower walk
Marty Bajt		20 th September	Workshop for writing grant applications
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	20 th September	Fotpin brochure – please resend
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	20 th September	Fotpin brochure resent
Lauren McQueen		23 rd September	Reminder – ParkCare annual survey
Marty Bajt		26 th September	Mt Taylor Spring wildflower walk booked out
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	28 th September	Fotpin brochure update
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	29 th September	Re: Fotpin brochure update
Lauren McQueen		30 th September	Final Call: ParkCare Annual Survey
Lauren McQueen		11 th October	Have Your Say: ACT Natural Resource Management Plan
Lauren McQueen		12 th October	ParkCare COVID-19 Update
Lauren McQueen		14 th October	National Safe Work Month - Safety and wellbeing while volunteering

Lauren McQueen		17 th October	Presentation by Dr Gavin Smith — Canberra Snake Tracking Project and snake safety
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	18 th October	Touching Base — Catch-ups and equipment requirements
Michelle Jenkins		20 th October	ParkCare notification: Upcoming significant weather event
Marty Bajt		24 th October	Upcoming Wellbeing events
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	24 th October	Pinnacle brochures printed
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	24 th October	Re: Pinnacle brochures
Warren Bond	Marty Bajt	28 th October	Chemical supplies
Marty Bajt		31 st October	Nature Reserve - National Park Access – no vehicle access
Lauren McQueen		2 nd November	Quarterly meeting reminder
Lauren McQueen		2 nd November	Dates/times to meet on reserve
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	2 nd November	Re: dates/times to meet on reserve
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	3 rd November	Re: dates/times to meet on reserve
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	3 rd November	Re: dates/times to meet on reserve
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	3 rd November	Display panels for Dec 4

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Michelle Jenkins: A/G Volunteer Program Coordinator, Tidbinbilla, EPSDD

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering, Ren Webb	8 th August	Icon water tanks compound
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	8 th August	Re: Icon water tanks compound
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	8 th August	Re: Icon water tanks compound
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	11 th August	Horse on unofficial walking track and gates to Tully's Horse Paddock
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	11 th August	Revegetating native ground cover — use of vermiculite and bio-enhancer
Kelzang Tshering	Len Taylor	12 th August	Re: Horse on unofficial walking track and gates to Tully's Horse Paddock
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	31 st August	Re: fotpin update: new opening in fence
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	31 st August	Re: fotpin update: new opening in fence
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering, Ren Webb	1 st September	Locked out
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	1 st September	Re: Locked out
Ren Webb		1 st September	Re: Locked out
Warren Bond	Ren Webb	1 st September	Re: Locked out

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

Kelzang Tshering: District Ranger, Belconnen Hills reserves

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	10 th August	Interpretive signs from Croke Place wetlands
Kathryn McGilp		12 th August	Icon Water - Odour Control Unit design preferences
GCG		12 th August	Grassroots newsletter
Sally Holliday		16 th August	Input sought for Wellbeing through Nature – Training Package Survey
Kathryn McGilp		18 th August	Hearing the Land: discounted concert tickets
Kathryn McGilp		18 th August	GCG Parkcare Annual Planning Meetings
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	18 th August	Re: GCG Parkcare Annual Planning Meetings
Suzanne Richardson		19 th August	Landcare events for September? Please send them through
Julia Raine		21 st August	PCS new polices on weed management and prioritisation
John Brannan	Julia Raine, Kathryn McGilp, Sarah Hnatiuk, Margaret Ning	21 st August	Re: PCS new polices on weed management and prioritisation
Kathryn McGilp		22 nd August	Corporate Volunteering ACT
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	24 th August	Re: Landcare events for September
Suzanne Richardson		26 th August	Reminder: Landcare events for September
Kathryn McGilp		29 th August	Answers to questions re PCS new polices on weed management and prioritisation
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	29 th August	Re: fotpin update and restoration project
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	30 th August	Re: fotpin update and restoration project
Anke Maria Hoefer		31 st August	FrogWatch newsletter and census update
GCG		31 st August	Landcare events – September 2022
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	31 st August	Re: Landcare events – fotpin missing
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	1 st September	Re: Landcare events – fotpin missing
Kathryn McGilp		1 st September	Help Save Critically Endangered Lawson Grasslands - Make a Submission!
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	1 st September	Re: Landcare events – fotpin missing
GCG		2 nd September	Oops! – Landcare events – September 2022
John Brannan	Karissa Preuss	2 nd September	Re: Updated invitation Landcare ACT members Council
Kathryn McGilp		6 th September	This Threatened Species Day, help save Lawson Grasslands!
Kathryn McGilp		7 th September	Submission re Lawson Grasslands
Kathryn McGilp		14 th September	Call for Landcare Events – October 2022

Anke Maria Hoefler		28 th September	FrogWatch 2022 Census Update
Kathryn McGilp		7 th October	Community Information Session — Belconnen subsurface wetlands
GCG		7 th October	Landcare events — October 2022
Kathryn McGilp		11 th October	Australian Rural Leadership Program
Suzanne Richardson		14 th October	Free display banners
Kathryn McGilp		21 st October	Box elder – How to manage this emerging weed on our waterways
Suzanne Richardson		21 st October	Please send your November Landcare events
GCG		28 th October	Landcare Events - November 2022
GCG		31 st October	GCG AGM 2022
GCG		31 st October	GCG Christmas party

Anke Maria Hoefler: ACT Regional FrogWatch Coordinator, GCG

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson, Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Sally Holliday: Program Coordinator, Wellbeing, Landcare ACT

Julia Raine: Friends of Gossan Hill

Sarah Hnatiuk: Friends of Mt Painter

Margaret Ning: Friends of Grasslands

Karissa Preuss: CEO, ACT Landcare

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton	John Brannan	24 th July	Weetangera School Fete
John Brannan	Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton	21 st and 28 th July	Application form for Weetangera School Fete
Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton	John Brannan	7 th August	Re: Application form for Weetangera School Fete
John Brannan	Kelli Singer and Kate Harvey-Sutton	7 th August	Re: Application form for Weetangera School Fete
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	7 th August	ParkCare display at Jamison
Linda Beveridge	John Brannan	11 th August	Re: ParkCare display at Jamison
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	11 th August	Re: ParkCare display at Jamison
Liz Ahern	fotpin	15 th August	Tree planting ceremony at Hawker College
John Brannan	Liz Ahern	15 th August	Re: Tree planting ceremony at Hawker College
Liz Ahern	John Brannan	15 th August	Re: Tree Planting Ceremony at Hawker College
John Brannan	Liz Ahern	15 th August	Re: Tree Planting Ceremony at Hawker College
Andrew Leigh	fotpin	17 th August	Please join me for a Building Community Forum on 30 August
Louise Curham	John Brannan	21 st August	Help with briar cut and dab at Urambi Hills

John Brannan	Louise Curham	22 nd August	Re: Help with briar cut and dab at Urambi Hills
Linda Beveridge	John Brannan	27 th August	ParkCare display at Jamison
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	27 th August	Roster for ParkCare display at Jamison
Geoffrey John Robertson		28 th August	Re: ParkCare display at Jamison
Miranda Gardner	John Brannan	1 st September	Pinnacle Offset questions
John Brannan	Miranda Gardner	1 st September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
Selma Richter	Len Taylor	4 th September	Re: October wildflower walk
Selma Richter	John Brannan	4 th September	Re: October wildflower walk
John Brannan	Selma Richter	5 th September	Re: October wildflower walk
Miranda Gardner	John Brannan	6 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
Linda Beveridge		15 th September	Jamison Centre Display 16-18 Sep 2022 – arrangements
Scott Dziubinski		18 th September	Nesting boxes for Belconnen High School students
John Brannan	Scott Dziubinski	19 th September	Re: Nesting boxes
Liz Ahern	John Brannan	20 th September	Tree planting ceremony on October 17th
John Brannan	Liz Ahern	20 th September	Re: Tree planting ceremony on October 17th
Sarah Hnatiuk	John Brannan	21 st September	Mt Painter weed management report
Sarah Hnatiuk	John Brannan	21 st September	File send error
John Brannan	Kim Harris	23 rd September	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – terms of agreement
Miranda Gardner	John Brannan	26 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
John Brannan	Miranda Gardner	26 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
Miranda Gardner	John Brannan	27 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
John Brannan	Miranda Gardner	27 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
Serena Farrelly	John Brannan	28 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
John Brannan	Serena Farrelly	28 th September	Re: Pinnacle Offset questions
Mathilde Cotter	John Brannan, Warren Bond	11 th October	Request for photographs of the Pinnacle Offset site
Liz Ahern	John Brannan	11 th October	Confirmation of Tree Planting Ceremony on October 17th
John Brannan	Liz Ahern	11 th October	Re: Confirmation of Tree Planting Ceremony on October 17th
Liz Ahern	John Brannan	12 th October	Re: Tree planting ceremony
Warren Bond	Mathilde Cotter	13 th October	Re: Request for photographs of the Pinnacle Offset site

Mathilde Cotter	Warren Bond	17 th October	Re: Request for photographs of the Pinnacle Offset site
Warren Bond	Mathilde Cotter	19 th October	Re: Request for photographs of the Pinnacle Offset site

Kelli Singer: Weetangera School Fete Coordinator

Kate Harvey-Sutton: Weetangera School Fete Coordinator

Linda Beveridge: Friends of Black Mountain

Liz Ahern: Teacher, Hawker College

Andrew Leigh: Federal Member for Fenner

Louise Curham: Friends of Urambi Hills

Geoffrey John Robertson: Friends of Grasslands

Sarah Hnatiuk: Friends of Mt Painter

Julia Raine: Friends of Mulligans Flat

Miranda Gardner: Director of Complaints and Investigations, Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

Selma Richter: Treasurer, UC Enviro Club

Scott Dziubinski: Teacher, Belconnen High School

Kim Harris: Senior Project Officer, Major Projects Canberra

Serena Farrelly: Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

Mathilde Cotter: Graduate Administrative Assistant, Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

Attachment B Convenor's Report

November 2022

You may have noticed that it has been raining rather a lot just recently. My rain gauge here in Florey recorded 205 mm in October, which follows totals of 95 mm in September and 156 mm in August. This means that we've had the equivalent of about 9 months' worth of rain in the last 3 months. And they tell us that there's more to come. True, our troubles pale into insignificance compared with the repeated flooding faced by so many people to our north and west, but the muddy ground and bogged tracks are a major inconvenience for our weeding teams. All vehicle access into the reserve has been banned until further notice, which may be a while coming.

That said, the reserve is looking especially lovely, with yet another excellent season for the reserve's native wildflowers and orchids. The birds also are busy breeding, with the reserve already host to several pairs of breeding summer migrants. And the last three months have been ideal growing conditions for our ongoing revegetation work in the reserve, as outlined below.

1. Molonglo Pipeline Trial Seeding

On September 7th, a small group of volunteers began preparing the ground and scattering seed for a small revegetation trial in the Icon water tanks compound at the top end of the pipeline. We have some funding for revegetation along the pipeline corridor, and the aim of this trial is to identify the factors that will ensure the highest possible germination and survival rates for native grasses and forbs in the admittedly fairly hostile conditions of the compound. The outcomes of the trial will inform subsequent large-scale seeding of the entire compound in coming years. For the purposes of this trial, we purchased approximately 2 kg of native grass and forb seed from Greening Australia, which was mixed together and combined with propagating sand to allow relatively easy hand sowing in four prepared plots.

The raking to prepare the plots was pretty hard work, and I am very grateful to the brave souls who applied themselves to the task with such enthusiasm. We hope that the results will reward their efforts in coming months. We certainly couldn't ask for better revegetation conditions!

Some of the volunteers hard at work
Photo: John Brannan

2. Jamison Joint ParkCare Display

After the cancellation of last year's event due to COVID, it was good to be able to be a part of this year's joint ParkCare display at the Jamison Centre in Macquarie. Over the three days of the event from September 16-18, there was a great deal of interest shown by the local shoppers and other visitors, even more so than in previous years, if anything. The groups taking part included our neighbouring "Friends of" groups from Mt Painter, Aranda Bushland and Black Mountain, as well as the Friends of Grasslands, Ginninderra Catchment Group and the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP) group from the National Arboretum. It was also good to see so much of our tireless ParkCare Ranger Marty Bajt at the display. Marty gave up much of his weekend to be at the display and also contributed some highly visible signage to alert people to the purpose of the display.

This event continues to be an important opportunity to connect with people in the local community and to showcase our reserves and the work that ParkCare groups and other organizations do in maintaining and improving the ecological values of those reserves.

My thanks to everyone who came along and helped out with staffing our part of the display

over the three days. Thanks also to Jean Geue and Linda Beveridge for their hard work as the principal organisers for the event.

3. Guided Walks

While we no longer have to contend with COVID restrictions on our guided walks program, this year has posed other obstacles in the form of inclement weather and flooded tracks. While this did not significantly impact the first of my bird walks this spring, it did necessitate a change to the route normally taken for the wildflower walk since the usual tracks in the Kama Link paddock are now too boggy to walk. In fact, even getting to the entrance into the Kama Link paddock is strictly gumboots only.

The bird walk on September 18th was very fortunately held under rare blue skies, albeit rather windy. We had a couple of late cancellations, so we set off with a total of 10 people for the walk. We spotted a total of 26 species during the walk, the highlights being a pair of Yellow-rumped Thornbills busy nest-building, Magpies sitting on a nest and, in a new record for the reserve, a pair of Grey Butcherbirds with a nest. (The nest went on to produce three very healthy looking chicks.)

The Wildflower walk on October 29th focused on the rocky ridge on the slope to the east of the reserve dam. This has always been one of the most floristically rich areas in the reserve, and so it proved on the day of the walk, with over 40 species of native grasses and wildflowers spotted during the walk. One outstanding highlight was an enormous swathe of Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*) just coming into flower – more than this observer has ever seen in one spot. Many thanks to John Fitz Gerald for being our highly informative guide on the walk, and our commiserations to Nola McKeon, who was to be one of our guides and had to pull out due to a badly injured shoulder. We hope it heals up well and Nola can get back to a two-handed life again soon.

4. Hawker College Tree Planting

On October 17th, Hawker College held their annual Tree Day, including a tree planting ceremony attended by Canberra's Deputy Chief Minister, Yvette Berry, who is a former Hawker College student. The Friends of the Pinnacle were also invited to assist with the tree planting. On the day, there was a works crew digging holes with a mechanised augur and plenty of willing students eager to do the hard work, so we had to content ourselves with overseeing a few of the plantings and correcting the occasional mistake. It was interesting to see the students at work and to be a part of what has obviously become a regular and very popular event at the college. Our thanks to the event coordinator, Liz Ahern, for inviting us.

5. Upcoming Events

• Pinnacle Bird Walk (2), Sunday November 13th 9.00 am

Our second bird walk of the season will **start from the car park opposite De Salis St on Spingvale Drive, Weetangera**, not from the usual starting point on Dungowan St. There are still a few places available for anyone interested in a closer look at our summer migrants as they arrive and build their nests for this year's breeding season.

- **Weetangera Primary School Fete, Sunday December 4th, 10 am to 2 pm**

After being forced to cancel for the last few years due to COVID, Weetangera Primary are finally able to hold their popular spring fete again this year. As usual, we will be holding a display stall at the fete, and I will be emailing the membership in the next week or so asking for volunteers to help staff the stall on the day. Watch this space!

6. Other News

- Our new brochures for the reserve have finally arrived. After some delays due to a mix-up with the printers, Marty finally dropped round a box containing our allotted 750 copies of the new brochure. It has been available as a download from our website for several weeks already, but it is nice to have the paper copies in time for the Weetangera Primary School fete on December 4th.
- We were recently contacted by the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, who are putting together the 2023 ACT State of the Environment Report, which will include some discussion of the application of offsets in the ACT. They were interested in meeting with us to discuss our experience of the offset process from the perspective of community members. Warren and I met with Serena Farrelly from the Commissioner's Office on October 5th and spent perhaps an hour outlining our experience of the offset process, both the good and the bad. Serena assured us that our contribution would be run past us before it appears in the final report.
- On September 5th, Warren met on the reserve with our local PCS ranger Kelzang to discuss possible improvements to the equestrian signage on the reserve. This is in response to increasing instances of horses being ridden along tracks where they should not go. (Horses are only permitted on the Springvale track along the northern edge of the reserve and along the Boundary track around the southern edge. [Warren to report on the outcomes of his meeting?])

John Brannan
November 4th, 2022

Attachment C Treasurer's Report**Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 1 Aug 2022 to 31 Oct 2022**

Opening balance on 1 Aug 2022			\$2,301.13
Receipts			
Nil	\$0.00		
		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Payments			
Nil	\$0.00		
		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments			<u>\$0.00</u>
Closing balance on 31 Oct 2022			<u><u>\$2,301.13</u></u>
Reconciled to:			
"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	\$2,118.78		
Petty Cash	\$182.35		
		<u>\$2,301.13</u>	
Total		<u><u>\$2,301.13</u></u>	

Other Liabilities

Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group (HMLG) – interpretative signage from 2017 included in the accounts (Refer Note 1)	\$1,300.00	
Reimbursement to Warren Bond (for fotpin.org.au domain name renewal – 2 years – Webcentral Invoice 17554006, 30 June 2022)	\$51.95	<u>\$1,351.95</u>
Financial position at 31 Oct 2022		<u><u>\$ 949.18</u></u>

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

7 November 2022

Attachment D Weetangera Paddock Ground Cover Revegetation Update

Update on Site 1 microlaena seeding. One possibility of the failure of our microlaena seeding may have been the viability of the seeds. As stated before the viability was not good to start with. Since then Native Seeds have stated that microlaena seeds can lose viability quickly if not stored in an airtight bag. Note these seeds did not come from Native Seeds.

So a trial patch of our new seeds was sown in Site 1 on 14th September with only a few seeds emerging as of 2nd November. This verdict is still out but indicating that the site is not very suitable for microlaena.

Direct Seeding

Our new seeding project has been going fairly well and has made us even more aware of the gambles that farmers have to make. Of course lack of experience does not help either. Whilst the sorrel was sprayed twice there was still live sorrel at the time we needed to start sowing seeds. This was most likely due to the sorrel having very small leaf cover (as a guess - maybe due to shade from the trees) this meant that not enough poison entered the plant to kill off the large amount of rhizomes.

The viability of the seeds from the supplier I budgeted for was only 29% so a lot of time was spent trying to get more viable seeds within the budget. Only one other supplier knew the viability or was prepared to test for it. The result was 76.7% viability at a price of \$200 more than the budget. There was absolutely nowhere that I could buy the required *Rytidosperma pallidum* seeds from. Another lesson - check that they are available before making a bid.

We had to start sowing when the opportunity arrived and take the gamble that we might be able to rope wick wipe any sorrel when it gets taller than the slow growing microlaena. A lot of effort went into trying to dig out any live sorrel rhizomes. This is not a recommended weeding method for sorrel since it will grow from fragments of the rhizome. Whilst the rain is good for germination and growth the damp clay soil makes it more difficult to sow a seed at the required 10mm particularly as the seed is still contained in floret so it doesn't naturally drop into the soil when raked. The earliest sown seeds are showing signs of germination.

We did make the mistake of leaving the large patch of Yorkshire fog alone until just before seeding. This was done to prevent the sorrel from colonising that area. However grubbing that area did take time that could have been spent seeding. It may take another month before we see the new seedlings pop up but they will be out numbered by all the vulpia grass seedlings which have emerged. Again we are hopeful that they too can be wiped with the rope wick weeder before they seed.

Tube Stock Germination.

The 26 *Poa labillardieri* have been planted out and are doing well with absolutely no watering necessary, it does make a pleasant change from the drought years.

The 40 chocolate lily seedlings were pricked out, put in tubes and grew quite well. Unfortunately when I put them out to harden off I noticed that the leaf blades of one had been cut off. From past experience with cockatoos I naturally assumed that this was due to them and put a mesh guard around them. Going back 3 days later the same thing had occurred to almost half of them. Upon inspection there were about 13 baby slugs and 2 snails hiding on the walls of the tubes. They were dealt with and the tubes placed on a table which was on concrete. They were OK for about 2 days then most of them got destroyed. This time it was cockatoos. So now there are only 7 that are suitable for planting out.

