



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10th August 2021 7-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Len Taylor, Anne Aisbett

1. Apologies

Alana Wilkes, Mike Hall.

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 16th May 2021 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

20200210: Item 10 (d) Clean-up of remaining gravel piles near the tanks

Action: PCS have commenced clearing the gravel piles, including the two piles near the gate. They will landscape the area with soil, mulch and plantings of trees and grasses over the coming weeks.

Completed

210208: Item 13 AGM

Action: Warren to clarify issues around our eligibility for the “.org” domain and take any necessary steps.

In progress

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

Noted. Len queried the outcome of the correspondence regarding the impact on wombats of the proposed William Hovell Drive duplication. John noted that Chris Davey’s is pursuing this issue.

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

None.

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

John reported verbally at the meeting and circulated his report soon afterward. The main topics were:

- Molonglo Water Main
- Upcoming events
- Weetangera Paddock Revegetation
- Collaboration with St Francis Xavier College
- Top-up Planting in the Bottom Pinnacle
- National Landcare Awards

Report noted. There was some discussion of the tasks to be set for the next visit by the St Xavier’s students.

Action: John to check if the \$12,000 funding from the ACT Government (Major Projects Canberra) for re-seeding native groundcover vegetation on the upper section of the pipe has been released.

Action: John to email the membership regarding the Jamison PCS display and call for volunteers to assist.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mike had previously circulated the [report for the period 01 May 2021 to 8 August 2021](#). Warren moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; seconded John; Agreed.

6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report and confirmed that our current membership is 105, an increase of one since the last meeting. The number of other people who have requested to be on our email lists decreased by one to 207, so the total number of people on our email lists remains at 312.

7. Weed Management

Warren had previously circulated his report.

Weeding effort in the last 3 months has been limited by available volunteers rather than the quantity of weeds, but in the last 3 months was 135 hours. This is around the average for these 3 months over the previous 10 seasons and slightly less than last year. The main weeds dealt with were Verbascum (78 hours) and St John's Wort (25 hours) which together made up 73% of the effort for the 3 months.

He also summarised the weeding effort for the 2020-2021 season, which ended on 30th June. Total effort was 802 hours, which was 17% more than last season but 19% less than the average of the previous 10 seasons and 41% less than the first full season of our effort (2011-12). The greatest effort was put into the collection of miscellaneous (largely rated as minor risk) broadleaf weeds (215 h) followed by Verbascum (149 h), St. John's Wort (116 h) and Saffron Thistles (109 h). Together these made up 74% of the total effort.

He also pointed out how the distribution of weeding effort has changed over the 11 seasons it has been monitored. Between 2011 and 2016 about 25% of our total effort was spent in the paddocks neighbouring the Reserve (North Kama and Bottom Pinnacle). This created a buffer against weeds coming into the reserve from those areas. Since 2016 we have had insufficient capacity to continue that effort while maintaining a reasonable coverage of the reserve. Within the reserve itself, effort has become skewed towards the Weetangera paddock in the last few years, with it representing 38% of our effort in 2020-2021 despite only being only 9% of the reserve's area.

Len mentioned that plantain is a growing issue, as has been pointed out by John Fitz Gerald.

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

Warren had previously circulated his report, noting that there had been no changes to the website since the last meeting apart from the usual regular updates to weeding pages, rainfall and the flora and fauna pages.

The number of unique visitors in the 3 months since May 1st has averaged 166 per month, 22% less than the previous 3 month period and 20% less than the corresponding period last year. Interest in walking pages continues at an elevated level (2.4 times the pre-covid level) declining only slightly from the previous 3-month period.

"Walking Tracks" was the most sought after page on our site in that period, followed by "Recent Weeding", "Newsletters", "About the Pinnacle", "Plants of the Pinnacle", the mobile-friendly track map page and the "Flora & Fauna" page.

b. Social Media

Denise reported that we now have 204 likes on our facebook page and 79 followers on the Instagram page. Work is continuing to boost our presence on those sites. John suggested asking the GCG social media expert for input when this position is re-filled.

9. Events Program

There are a number of Spring events planned, as outlined in the [Convenor's report](#), including a wildflower walk, two bird walks, the Joint ParkCare Display at Jamison Centre and the Weetangera Primary School Fete, all now subject to the ACT lockdown being ended.

10. Molonglo Watermain

As outlined in the [Convenor's report](#), there has been progress on remediation the piles of gravel and assorted construction waste that have been piled up around the edges of the Icon tank compound and on the remediation of the revegetation of the pipeline corridor.

Action: John to send an outline of the story to date to Kym Birgan, one of the senior rangers Northside, to bring her up to date.

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

Len had circulated his report before the meeting. There are issues with the new plastic fences being nibbled by rabbits. There has been very little germination of the Microlaena seeds he planted, some of which appear to have been rather old (possibly 4-5 years). In the last 3 months St Francis Xavier's have taken care of 120 tube stock of native daisies; and Tim Gill has germinated 51 wheat grass. Tube stock planted included 146 native daisies.

12. Other Business**(a) Use of exclosures**

There was some discussion of the possible use of exclosures. It was agreed that these could be useful as seed nurseries, but there was no one yet willing to undertake this project.

(b) New brochures

John noted that the supply of fotpin brochures has run out. New brochures will require some updates to the text and map. Warren commented that there is a new map available. It will require around \$1,500 to print 3,000 copies of the new brochure.

(c) Proposal for Interpretive signage

PCS have not yet provided guidelines on how these should be designed or placed. There was some discussion about possible locations and content, including new signage for the Pinnacle Nature Trail, including indicator posts with QR codes.

Action: John to approach PCS via Marty for funding for the new brochures.

13. Proposed date for next meeting.

The suggested date is Monday 8th November.

Meeting closed at 9-15 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
14 August 2021

Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence since May 2021 meeting**ParkCare**

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Karen Williams		17 th May	Agenda for ParkCare convenors meeting 26 th May
Marty Bajt		25 th May	Community Garden Grants
John Brannan	Karen Williams, Marty Bajt, Kelzang Tshering;	27 th ; 28 th	Advising of Thursday visits by St, Francis Xavier College students
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	28 th May	Acknowledging message about student visit and offering assistance with tools etc
Karen Williams		28 th May	Minutes of ParkCare convenors meeting 26 th May
Marty Bajt		31 st May	Collecting Corflute Tree Guards for recycling
Marty Bajt		31 st May	World Environment Day
Chris Evans		8 th Jun	ParkCare activities cancelled for rest of week because of weather
Marty Bajt		11 th Jun	Reminder about rules for Chemical Application by ParkCare volunteers in Reserves
Warren Bond	Marty Bajt	17 th June	Question re rules for minors volunteering
Karen Williams		18 th June	Minutes for the South CNP convenor meeting
Karen Williams		21 st June	Emergency + App
Karen Williams		22 nd June	ParkCare email address clarification
Karen Williams		23 rd June	EOI for first aid training
Karen Williams		23 rd June	Invasive Plants Operation Plan
John Brannan	Karen Williams	24 th June	Query re Minutes for the South CNP convenor meeting
Marty Bajt	Warren Bond, John Brannan	24 th June	Reply re policy on Working with Vulnerable People
Karen Williams	John Brannan	25 th June	Re Minutes for the South CNP convenor meeting
John Brannan	Karen Williams	25 th June	Re Minutes for the South CNP convenor meeting
Len Taylor	Martin Bajt	26 th June	Water Cube for Springvale Track
Karen Williams		28 th June	Important COVID update
Karen Williams		30 th June	Additional Covid advice
Yasmin Noonan		9 th July	MCSS First Aid course 21 nd July – online training
Karen Williams		9 th July	Important Covid update for ParkCare volunteers
Yasmin Noonan		16 th July	First Aid course update
Chris Evans		16 th July	Calls for EOI for Tree Donation from Soroptimist international
Chris Davey	John Brannan	16 th July	Concerns over WHD duplication and wombats

John Brannan	Chris Davey	17 th July	Re: Concerns over WHD duplication and wombats
Chris Evans		17 th July	Calls for EOI for Tree Donation – additional information
John Brannan	Chris Evans	17 th July	Response re SI tree donation
Martin Bajt		19 th July	Mapping link from training day
Yasmin Noonan		20 th July	First Aid course reminder and second course date
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	20 th July	Corflute recycling
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	22 nd July	Corflute recycling
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	22 nd July	Corflute guards to be recycled
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	24 th July	Corflute guards to be recycled – offer of new tree guards
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	24 th July	Re corflute guards to be recycled – offer of new tree guards
Marty Bajt		26 th July	Plan for Annual Planning 2021 - 2022
Marty Bajt		26 th July	ArcGis Login Details
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	26 th July	Re: plan for Annual Planning 2021 - 2022
John Brannan	Chris Evans	28 th July	Re: SI Tree donation update
Karen Williams		28 th July	Field Maps update
Karen Williams		30 th July	Annual planning process
John Brannan	Sarah Hnatiuk	30 th July	Re: formulating a vegetation plan
Yasmin Noonan		31 st July	First aid course following information
Marty Bajt		4 th August	ArcGIS Field Map online – account settings
Marty Bajt		5 th August	ArcGIS Login Details
Marty Bajt		5 th August	Black Mountain Wattle Walk 11 Sep
Karen Williams		6 th August	Annual planning update

Karen Williams: A/Volunteer Programs Manager

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger:

Chris Evans: RangerAssist Coordinator

Yasmin Noonan: Certification & Assessment, Melba Copland

Sarah Hnatiuk: Convenor, Friends of Mt Painter

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering; Kym Birgan, Michelle Ralph	21 st May	Notifying that CNP and 200 padlocks have been bypassed at the Phone Tower gate
Michelle Ralph	Warren Bond	24 th May	Will deal with padlocks above
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	24 th May	Reminding him of outstanding reimbursement for fencing and wetter
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering; Kym Birgan, Michelle Ralph	27 th May	Advising of report from a Marrakai St. resident of antisocial behaviour
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	28 th May	Acknowledging message about student visit and suggesting measures required including having a first aid kit
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	28 th May	Response to message about antisocial behaviour
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	6 th July	Planting in Pinnacle
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	6 th July	Planting in Pinnacle – need for wetter
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	17 th July	Re: tree donation from SI and planting in the Pinnacle
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	5 th August	Gravel pile behind Icon Water Tanks
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	5 th August	Re: Gravel pile behind Icon Water Tanks

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

Kelzang Tshering: District Ranger, Belconnen Hills reserves

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp		21 st May	Volunteers needed- Storm water runoff research- Canberra
Kathryn McGilp		26 th May	ACT Landcare Awards 2021 - Nominations NOW OPEN
Kathryn McGilp		28 th May	Minutes of the ACT NRM Plan GCG Consultation
Kathryn McGilp		28 th May	Call for Newsletter items
Kathryn McGilp		1 st Jun	May Minutes and Action items
Kathryn McGilp		1 st Jun	World Environment Day
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd Jun	RE: Adding Parkcare groups to GCG Insurance
Kathryn McGilp		4 th Jun	Successful at winning 5 ACT Enviro / Nature in the city grants; full list of the successful grants
Kathryn McGilp		7 th Jun	Ampol / Caltex Funding to GCG as restitution for fuel leak at Kippax
Kathryn McGilp		9 th Jun	2021 ACT Landcare Awards reminder
Landcare		18 June	Landcare volunteers avoid \$57million in healthcare costs due to boost in mental and physical wellbeing.
GCG Executive Officer		18 th June	GCG Consultation Report – ACT NRM Plan – draft report
Kathryn McGilp		22 nd June	Reminder - call for newsletter items
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	23 rd June	FOTPIN contribution for GCG newsletter
Kathryn McGilp		24 th June	RE: Catchment Group Core Funding
Ken Hodgkinson		24 th June	Catchment Group Core Funding
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	25 th June	Adding FOTPIN to GCG Insurance
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	25 th June	Re: Adding FOTPIN to GCG Insurance
Landcare		30 th June	GCG General Meeting July changed to on-line only
Landcare Australia		30 th June	Landcare Webinar Series
Kathryn McGilp		7 th July	GCG Newsletter contact list and links
Kathryn McGilp		9 th July	GCG General Members Meeting – July minutes
Kathryn McGilp		11 th July	Kippax Development Petition - Umbagog Landcare petition
Kathryn McGilp		14 th July	Steamweeder demo at Giralang Pond 21 July
Landcare Australia		14 th July	Invitation to an extended virtual National Landcare Conference
Kathryn McGilp		16 th July	William Hovell Drive duplication
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp, John Fitz Gerald	16 th July	Re William Hovell Drive duplication

Kathryn McGilp		22 nd July	District Planning - Community Consultation Open
GCG Executive Officer		29 th July	ACT Landcare awards nomination period extended
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd August	Re: GCG 2021 AGM and Xmas party

Ken Hodgkinson: Acting Chair

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Miranda Gardner	21 st May	OCSE survey response
Marrakai St. resident	Contact fotpin	27 th May	Advising of antisocial behaviour on the Pinnacle and asking for assistance in stopping it
John Brannan	Marrakai St. resident	27 th May	Responding to above (see also message to PCS)
Melanie Monaghan	John Brannan	29 th May	Confirming that the student group will have a first aid kit
Provincial Nursery		3 rd Jun	Advanced Trees - June Stock list
Len Taylor	Melanie Monaghan, Katherine Talbot	14 th June	Tube stock and future assistance from St Francis Xavier's
Melanie Monaghan	Len Taylor	15 th June	Re: Tube stock and assistance
Rosemary Blemings	John Brannan, Warren Bond	24 th June	Wednesday Walk on FoTPIN land
John Brannan	Rosemary Blemings	24 th June	Re: Wednesday walk
Len Taylor	Melanie Monaghan, Katherine Talbot	26 th June	Tube stock and assistance
Benjamin Huttner-Koros		2 nd July	William Hovell Drive duplication – Environmental impact statement open for public comment
Siobhan Mayo	fotpin	9 th July	Drawing our attention to the WHD duplication DA/EIS
John Brannan	Siobhan Mayo	10 th July	Re: Concerns over WHD duplication
John Brannon	John Fitz Gerald	16 th July	Dates for wildflower walk
John Brannan	Kelli Singer, Kate Harvey-Sutton	19 th July	Re Weetangera School Fete – application for a stall

Kathrine Pellowe		19 th July	Deep Creek Corridor Regional Water Quality Pond Draft EIS
Gilbert Hughes	John Brennan	21 st July	Question re consultation with Ngunnawal peoples
John Brannan	Melanie Monaghan	21 st July	Re: Indigenous consultation re the pinnacle
Linda Beveridge		24 th July	Joint ParkCare Display – Jamison Plaza 3-5 September 2021
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	24 th July	Re: Joint ParkCare Display – updated roster
Stuart Oxborrow		28 th July	Update on the Weetangera watermain corridor at the Pinnacles Nature Reserve
John Brannan	Melanie Monaghan	2 nd August	Re: Thursday's weeding party by students
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	3 rd August	Re: Proposed agreement with the Friends of the Pinnacle
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan	3 rd August	Re: Proposed agreement with the Friends of the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Sarah Hnatiuk; Linda Beveridge; Jenny Andrews	3 rd August	Spring events
Sarah Hnatiuk	John Brannan	3 rd August	Re: Spring events
John Brannan	Nola McKeon; John Fitz Gerald	5 th August	Pinnacle Wildflower walk

Melanie Monaghan: Teacher, St. Francis Xavier College

Kathy Talbot: Teacher, St. Francis Xavier College

OCSE: Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

Jenny Andrews: Secretary, Friends of Aranda Bushland (FOAB)

Kelli Singer: Co-coordinator, Weetangera Primary School Fete

Kate Harvey-Sutton: Co-coordinator, Weetangera Primary School Fete

Kathrine Pellowe: Assessment Officer, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Rosemary Blemings: Convenor, Mt Rogers Landcare Group

Linda Beveridge: Friends of Black Mountain

Benjamin Huttner-Koros: Development Assessment Officer, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Siobhan Mayo: member of the public

Stuart Oxborrow: Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Delivery, TCCS

Attachment B Convenor's Report

August 2021

At this time last year, our situation was much the same as it is now. While this is good in terms of the continued good rainfall, the lack of progress on the COVID front is becoming rather depressing, especially given the increasingly ominous case numbers coming out of NSW. That said, so far we've been very fortunate here in Canberra, and there now appears to be some light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel.

The dams in and around the reserve are overflowing, the grasses are lush and green, and many of the birds are already busy building their nests. In the meantime, our program of events for the coming season is rapidly taking shape and there have been a number of interesting and encouraging developments. One of the most gratifying of these is the news that Anne Aisbett has put her hand up not only to join the fotpin Coordinating Committee, but also to generously offered her services as Secretary. We are delighted to have Anne on the committee fulfilling this important role for fotpin.

1. Molonglo Water Main

In the last week or so, you may have noticed some work going on in the compound beside the big Icon water tanks on Springvale Drive. We have been asking for years for PCS to come and remove and/or remediate the piles of gravel and assorted construction waste that have been piled up around the edges of this compound. I'm delighted to say that (finally!!) they are not only removing the waste material, but are also going to lay down a thick layer of topsoil and mulch and then revegetate the bare areas where the piles used to be. I want to take this opportunity to thank our tireless PCS ranger Kelzang for pushing this job through against considerable resistance and for sticking around on site to make sure it gets done right. There may even be an opportunity for fotpin volunteers to help with the revegetation work in the weeks to come.

There has also been some progress on the revegetation of the lower part of the pipeline – the section referred to as Area 2 that runs from the 4-ways junction down past the dam to the southern fence line. The ACT Government has selected Glascott Landscape Management as the contractor to try to restore native groundcover along that section of the pipeline corridor, and an on-site meeting is scheduled for this coming Friday (August 13th, ominously) where we will meet with the contractor and with representatives from PCS and other concerned ACT government agencies to discuss the specifics of the approach to be used.

We have also been told that the promised funding for fotpin to re-seed native groundcover vegetation on the upper section of the pipeline has been released and will be transferred into an account for us to access as needed. This will give us the capability to purchase seeds that we can sow when conditions are suitable, as well as setting up seed "hubs" where we can grow native groundcover species as a future source of seed.

2. Upcoming Events

Spring is shaping up to be a busy time for fotpin volunteers. As well as the task of weed management in the reserve due to the continued good rainfall, there are several events scheduled for the season.

• Jamison Joint ParkCare Display – 9 am to 4 pm, Friday Sept. 3 to Sunday Sept. 5

This public event is a chance for fotpin and the other local ParkCare and related community groups to showcase their reserves and the work they do on those reserves. This year's event promises to be the biggest yet and will include displays by the Friends of Black Mountain, the Friends of Aranda Bushland, the Friends of Mt Painter (Cook), the Friends of Grasslands, the Ginninderra Catchment Group, the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (Arboretum), the Molonglo Catchment Group and the Canberra Indian

Myna Action Group. I'll be sending out a message to the membership shortly asking for volunteers to sign up to the online roster to help staff the stall, so stay tuned!

• **Pinnacle Bird Walk (1) – 9.00 am, Sunday Sept. 5, Dungowan St, Hawker**

I will be leading two bird walks this spring, the first of which will be focusing on the breeding activity by the reserve's resident birds, as well as the arrival of the early spring migrants. With the vegetation on the reserve in outstanding condition, this year promises to be an excellent breeding year for our local birds.

• **Pinnacle Wildflower Walk – 9.00 am, Sunday October 3, De Salis St entrance, Weetangera**

Once again, we are fortunate to have John Fitz Gerald and Nola McKeon as leaders for our wildflower walk. Last year's walk was outstanding and this year's walk promises to be even better, with the excellent rainfall setting us up for a bumper season.

• **Pinnacle Bird Walk (2) – 9.00 am, Sunday October 31, Dungowan St, Hawker**

The second bird walk at the Pinnacle this spring is timed to coincide with the breeding season for the migratory birds who come to the reserve to nest each spring. Last year was an especially busy season for some species and this year looks like being even better.

• **Weetangera Primary School Fete – 10 am to 2 pm, Sunday November 21**

After the cancellation of last year's fete due to COVID-19, WPS have decided to try again this year and we are very happy to be able to support the school by holding a display stall as part of the fete. This is an important opportunity for the Friends of the Pinnacle to reach out to the local community and increase their awareness of what the reserve has to offer, as well as the work we do to maintain and improve its condition. We will be providing an online roster for people to sign up to closer to the date.

3. **Weetangera Paddock Revegetation**

Refer to Len's report

4. **Collaboration with St Francis Xavier College**

After a few rain-enforced delays, we finally were able to welcome a group of 19 students from St Francis Xavier College to the reserve on July 22. Our task for the morning was to collect all the tree guards and stakes along the upper section of the revegetation corridor for the Molonglo watermain, including the large compound next to the large water tanks in Weetangera. The students cleared the entire area of guards and stakes in very short order, putting all the plastic tree guards into bags for collection by ParkCare Ranger Marty Bajt, who took them away for recycling. For the next visit, the students will repeat the procedure at the bottom end of watermain corridor so that the entire revegetation area will be cleared of guards and stakes. This is particularly welcome as many of the guards used are starting to decompose and break up, creating untidy plastic litter around the reserve. The college has also been kind enough to provide some space in their greenhouse for raising seedlings to help with the revegetation of Weetangera paddock. They are currently looking after over a hundred native wildflower seedlings that will be planted out in the reserve this spring with help from the students.

We are delighted to have such a constructive and productive relationship with the college, not just for the positive outcomes it yields for the reserve, but also for the opportunity it offers to raise awareness among the students of the reserve and the work we do there. My thanks again to Gilbert Hughes and SFX teacher Melanie Monaghan for spearheading the student visits to the reserve and to Len Taylor for his work with the school on raising native wildflower seedlings.

5. **Top-up Planting in the Bottom Pinnacle**

We were recently informed by the ACT Government's Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) that some funding was available from a local service provider, Soroptimist

International (SI), who are celebrating their one-hundred-year anniversary this year and want to plant 100 trees as part of that celebration. As this coincided with a plant sale by Greening Australia, I seized the opportunity to pick up 20 mixed eucalypts and shrubs that we can use to fill in the gaps that have appeared in the island plantings we established in the Bottom Pinnacle in May 2019. Keep an eye out for a call for volunteers to help with putting the new plants in the ground in the next few weeks.

6. National Landcare Awards

The National Landcare Awards are handed out every second year, alternating with the local Landcare Awards. This year was the turn of the national awards, with this year's awards ceremony being conducted virtually due to the NSW COVID lockdown. Last year's local ACT award winners were invited to attend a small gathering at the Press Club in Barton, where we watched the national awards ceremony, MC'd brilliantly by Costa Georgiadis, on a giant TV screen. I'm delighted to say that two of the local ACT Landcare Award winners were successful in also winning the National Landcare Award in their respective categories. They were Dhani Gilbert, who won the Austcover Young Landcare Leadership Award, and the Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group, who won the Australian Community Media Community Group Award. Both were very worthy winners and are to be congratulated on their success! This is particularly remarkable as only one ACT Award winner has gone on to win the National Award before this, so two National Award winners in one night is a terrific achievement. Let's hope we can achieve similar results in future National Landcare Awards!

John Brannan
9 August, 2021

Attachment C. Treasurer's Report**Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 01 May 2021 to 8 August 2021**

Opening balance on 01 May 2021		\$2,237.23
Receipts		
Interest credit 31 May 2021	\$0.11	
Donation – P Moore 8 Jun 2021	\$50.00	
Donation – A Aisbett 10 Jun 2021	\$20.00	
	<u>\$70.11</u>	
Payments		
Reimbursement - Len Taylor 6 Aug 2021 – Revegetation Supplies	\$27.57	
	<u>\$27.57</u>	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments		<u>\$42.54</u>
Closing balance on 30 April 2021		<u><u>\$2,279.77</u></u>
Reconciled to:		
“Beyond Bank” Account 03356841	\$2,097.42	
Petty Cash	\$182.35	
		<u>\$2,279.77</u>
Total		<u><u>\$2,279.77</u></u>
Other Liabilities		
Nil	\$0.00	
Financial position at 8 August 2021		<u><u>\$2,279.77</u></u>

Notes:

- Total value of all funds held and administered for Fotpin by Ginninderra Catchment Group as at 22 April 2021 : \$7,442.52 (Confirmed 14 April 2021, Julian Low, GCG Finance Officer). This amount consists of \$142.73 (residual of ACT Heritage Grant), \$7,205.73 (Labor Club Grant) and \$94.06 (Group Account).
- \$1,300 of the funds held in the Fotpin Beyond Bank account are a donation from the Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group to be spent on interpretative signage.

Mike Hall
Treasurer
8 August 2021

Attachment D Weetangera Paddock Groundcover Revegetation Project Progress Report

Fencing

The new plastic mesh fence at site 2 has been attacked by rabbits. They have bitten holes in the mesh and entered into the area and dug a few holes in the soil. The holes in the plastic are much larger than they need to enter so it may be that they like biting it. So whilst it was very cheap, easy to erect, dismantle and store it has severe limitations. Marty does not have any old plastic guards that we could use to form a barrier around the base. This could be another cheap easy solution (if it works) to make it last whilst the seeds germinate and grow. Surprisingly the very first small 6m diameter plastic mesh fence is still OK but there is little sign of rabbits in that area.

The wheat grass will be planted inside this fence as John FG assures me that there is wheat grass growing close by and it is much easier to plant in a fence.

There has been no problems with the steel mesh fence at site 1.

Direct Seeding

I did two different germination tests on the microlaena seeds purchased from Nindethana:-

- Simulated classic Petri dish – 60% germination
- In native seed raising mixture – 40% germination

An authoritative source told me that this indicated the seeds were probably 4 to 5 years old.

Unfortunately besides any other delays we did not realise the amount of time it would take to erect the fences and sow the seed. Site 1 was sown with microlaena on 3rd May the day before good rain but unfortunately little follow up rain until June when the weather turned cold. The only obvious grass there now is wild oats. Hopefully some microlaena will germinate when the weather warms up. The wild oats will be allowed to grow and then sometime after it is above 500mm tall will be poisoned with the wick wiper to ensure that any microlaena seedlings are not also killed.

Site 3 was sown with microlaena 10th & 15th May and because of the dry conditions were mulched not seedlings have emerged from this site. Probably a mistake give it later turned out to be very good rainfall.

Tube Stock Germination

St Francis Xavier college took the following tube stock and are looking after them in their greenhouse

- 60 *Leucochrysum albicans*
- 24 *Calotis lappulaceae*
- 36 *Xerochrysum viscosum*

Tim Gill has 51 Wheat grass which he germinated

Tube Stock Planted

Spare *Leucochrysum* and *Xerochrysum* from the germinating trays were planted out in bunches and are surviving with the good rainfall.

All together the following have been planted

- 61 *Leucochrysum albicans*
- 30 *Calotis lappulaceae*
- 42 *Xerochrysum viscosum*
- 13 *vittadinia*

Which leaves me with just 9 *leucochrysum* and 4 *microlaena*

Most of the calotis have been planted along the Springvale track in the hope of replacing the Cape daisy which has the same method of seed dispersal.

Len Taylor

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