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Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 10th February 7-30 pm

Minutes

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

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 11 November 2024 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

   Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

   Actions from November 2024 meeting:

   20241111: Item 3 Correspondence

   Action Item: Warren to email John a list of threatened and endangered birds on the Reserve.

   Completed.

   Action Item: John to email the Burn Plan to Len.

   Completed.

   20241111: Item 5 Treasurer's Report

   Action Item: John to request the member who agreed to fund one of the signs to provide the donation as a cheque made out to the GCG.

   In progress: John noted that the GCG's preferred method of payment is by bank transfer. John will discuss this with the member.

   20241111: Item 11 Other Business

   Action Item: John and Anne to approach various fotpin members regarding joining the sub-committee for the launch of the interpretive signs.

   In progress. This was further discussed in **Item 12 (b).**

   Action Item: John and Warren to raise the education issue at the next Annual Planning Meeting.

   Completed. This was further discussed at **Item 9.**

Action Item: Anne to add an item to the agenda for the February CC meeting agenda regarding the reorganization of the Activities pages on the Website, and Warren to prepare some notes for discussion.

Pending. The minutes of the last meeting accidentally merged two separate items raised by Warren and he apologized for not noticing this in the minutes.
The first item was the need to review and possibly update the activities listed on the website "current activities" page (https://www.fotpin.org.au/activities.html) which he said he would do at some stage and request guidance from the Committee when required.
The second item related to his proposal that fotpin should try to play a more active role in encouraging appropriate respect for and behaviour on Canberra's nature reserves, specifically The Pinnacle Nature Reserve. He said he would prepare some notes for the next (this) meeting. These notes were delivered verbally under item 9.

Carried over from past meetings:

20240519: Item 9 Events Program

Action: Alana to look at Canberra Bushwalking Club walks for family-friendly ideas for the Events program.

In progress.

3. Correspondence in and out (Attachment A)

John will confirm the details of one of the contacts listed.

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

Warren queried the Jumping Jacks correspondence, and suggested that the person who reported seeing these ants should be queried further on their identification and location, as if it was Jack Jumpers that he had spotted the issue is more serious.

Action Item: John to contact the ant spotter for more details and follow up if necessary.

4. Convenor's Report

John had circulated his report before the meeting. The main topics included:

- The Interpretive Signage project. The signs are now complete and due to be installed next week. John acknowledged the generous donation from a member to pay for one of the signs, and the valuable design input from Screenmakers, the manufacturers of the signs. John has been invited to document the process of creating the signs and make a presentation to the GCG. A sub-committee is being formed to organise the launch of the signs, which is planned for March (See **Item 12 (b)**).
- Molonglo Pipeline Revegetation: Another planting event was held in the Icon water tanks compound on December 14th, and some volunteers helped with watering and replacing where necessary the seedlings in the hot weather afterward.
- Motorbikes in the reserve: Hawker residents have reported a group of motorcyclists riding around the reserve in the evenings, creating damage and endangering other visitors. On Friday 7th February this piece appeared in the Riotact online newsletter about these motorcyclists and their illegal behaviour at The Pinnacle NR. The article includes a callout

to local residents for any information they might have that would help to identify the culprits.

- The Events calendar. This is discussed further in **Item 10.**

5. Treasurer's Report (Attachment B)

Warren had previously circulated the report. Anne noted that there were some missing refences. Warren queried the two unspecified expenditures and asked John to follow this up with the GCG. John noted that Kat from the GCG claimed that they held more funds in trust for fotpin than for any other group, and John suggested that the committee should discuss how these funds could be spent, for instance in the revegetation efforts for the pipeline. This was discussed further in **Item 12 (d).**

It was moved by John and seconded by Anne that the Report be confirmed. Agreed.

Warren also presented revised Guidelines for the Expenditure of Funds held for fotpin by the GCG. These guidelines distinguish between the types of funds received, and designate a specific fotpin office-bearer (the Treasurer) to liaise with GCG regarding discretionary funds and grants with no generalised objectives or specific budget items. The Treasurer will also obtain transaction and balance statements from GCG for the funds held by GCG on fotpin's behalf when they are required.

It was moved by John and seconded by Len that these guidelines be approved, subject to the agreed changes. Agreed.
The modified guideline proposal document is attached together with a concise summary of the guideline.

Action Item: Warren to communicate the approved Guidelines to the GCG.

6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report. Membership has increased by 1 to 115, and the total number on the email list has increased by 4 to 365.

7. Weed Management

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (November to January) was 258 hours (21% of which was in the Weetangera paddock). This total was 17% more than these 3 months last season but 25% less than the average for these three months for the previous 14 seasons. The largest proportion of effort (30%) was spent spraying St. John's Wort. This was followed by Saffron thistles (20%), miscellaneous Broadleaf weeds (14%), African lovegrass (9%) and "Other" woody weeds (7%).

There was some discussion of how to recruit more volunteers for weeding, and in particular sprayers. It was agreed that appeals for help should feature regularly in the Updates.

Action Item: Warren to provide wording for recruiting more weed sprayers to John for inclusion in the Updates.

8. Information and Outreach

(a) Website.

The number of unique visitors in the last 3 months (November to January), historically a quiet period, has averaged 174/month, 35% less than the previous 3 months, 9% less than the same 3 months last year and 12% less than the long-term average. "News headlines" was loaded more often than any other page but because of the automatic and advised refreshes of that page the numbers cannot be directly compared with those for other pages. Of the other pages, "Recent weeding" (148 views by 18 users) was the most sought-after page on our site in this period.

(b) Social media. Denise reported that there were 549 followers on the facebook/meta page and 156 followers on Instagram, up by 1 from the previous report.

9. Community Outreach to foster an improved appreciation of Canberra's nature reserves

There was some discussion on how to improve Community Outreach, including raising the issue at Convenors' meetings (already done), the GCG and Landcare ACT. Warren said there was a need to have the issue addressed at a range of levels from local (with our local schools), ParkCare, PCS, GCG and potentially politicians. The approach taken at these levels would assist any action we took with our local schools. He also proposed setting up a subcommittee of interested people to explore how to move this forward.

Action Item: John to raise the issue of communicating to the public the appropriate uses of the Reserves with GCG, Landcare ACT, in fotpin Updates and in other forums as appropriate.

10. Events Program

John suggested a bird walk on April 27th; the Hawker Community Gardens event in March; and possibly a tree walk. A possible family walk will also be investigated.

Action Item: John to contact Michael Doherty regarding his availability and timing for a tree walk.

11. Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Report (Attachment C)

Len noted that the survival rate in the planting program this season had been low, which he considered was due to a delay in growing the tube stock. He has decided not to grow any more. The meeting decided that tube stock in the future could perhaps be grown by other volunteers, or bought with the funds fotpin currently holds (see **Item 12 (d)**).

Action Item: John to include an appeal in the Update for volunteers to grow future tube stock.

Action Item: Len to approach Marty re the disposal of approximately 400 wire mesh plant protectors that are no longer needed.

12. Other Business

(a) Biodiversity report

The count of total native species currently stands at 1,054, an increase of 8 in the last 3 months. The number of native plant species is currently 276, an increase of 2 in the last 3 months: Acacia lanigera var. lanigera (Woolly wattle) and Grevillea juniperina subsp. sulphurea.

The Pinnacle Nature Reserve Species Richness Score (SRS) on NatureMapr is 3,436 (up 35 in the last 3 months) and still ranks 5th of the Canberra Nature Reserves.

Action Item: John to include information on reporting species on NatureMapr in the next Update.

(b) Interpretive signs launch

The date of Sunday 16 March was suggested for this event. It was agreed that the guest list include: a number of politicians (Tara Cheyne, Jo Clay, Peter Cain, Andrew Leigh); people who provided of content or assistance with the signs; members of the GCG and Landcare ACT; the fotpin mailing list; with others to be considered. It was agreed that Nanette Betts should be approached soon to confirm a date that she could attend. John will call the sub-committee to meet to plan the event.

Action Item: John to convene the launch sub-committee.

(c) Interpretive sign archive. There was discussion of what should be included in the proposed archive of the sign project. Anne had already circulated a list to members of the signage sub-group. John suggested adding: information relating to the sign locations including geolocations; photographs of the signs in situ as first erected; the original quote from ScreenMakers that was used as the basis for the grant application; Nan's photos and other material that were not used in the signs; and photos of the launch event.

Action Item: John to approach Screenmakers for the final design files and advice regarding the final map files for inclusion in the archive.

(d) Possible use of funds held in trust for fotpin by GCG. As indicated in **Item 5. Treasurer's Report**, fotpin currently has quite a lot of uncommitted funds held for it by the GCG. John suggested some of these could be used for revegetation efforts, or to print stickers for use on the "Do you love your Reserves" corflutes provided by PCS and used to advertise upcoming events. He suggested these stickers could contain the fotpin logo, QR code and web address.

Action Item: John to obtain a quote for printed stickers for the PCS corflutes, and present a funding proposal to the CC for approval as per the new Guidelines on Expenditure of Funds held by GCG.

8. Proposed date for next meeting

The next CC meeting and the AGM is proposed for Sunday 18th May 2025.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
12th February 2025

Attachment A. Major items of correspondence from November 2024 Meeting to 9 February 2025

ParkCare

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Martin Bajt	John Brannan	9th November	Re: Display panel & teardrop banner
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	9th November	Re: Display panel & teardrop banner
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	11th November	Re: Annual Plan 2025
Lauren McQueen		11th November	Reminder: Convenor Meeting - Wednesday 20 November
Lauren McQueen		14th November	Save the Date - All Convenor Meeting with Executive Attendance
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	18th November	Input for Annual Plan meeting
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen; Michelle Jenkins	20th November	Re: More ParkCare gear
Lauren McQueen		22nd November	Training - Spots available
Michelle Jenkins	John Brannan	23rd November	Re: More ParkCare gear
John Brannan	Michelle Jenkins	26th November	Collection of more ParkCare gear
Lauren McQueen		27th November	Reminder: ACT Environmental Volunteers End of Year Event - Registrations Closing Thursday
Lauren McQueen		5th December	Celebrating International Volunteer Day 2024
Lauren McQueen		6th December	Reminder: All Convenor Meeting with Executive Leadership
Lauren McQueen		12th December	Reminder: Working in the Heat
Lauren McQueen	Convenors; Martin Bajt; Tenzin Phuntsho	12th December	Reminder: Working in the Heat
John Brannan	Naomi CHEYNE	12th December	Re: Planting event at The Pinnacle NR on Saturday Dec 14
Lauren McQueen		16th December	Quick Update - Delays in Email Responses
Lauren McQueen		17th December	Update: Machinery of Government Announcement
Lauren McQueen		18th December	Update: National Environmental Matters
Lauren McQueen		18th December	Notification — Ox-Eye Daisy
Lauren McQueen		19th December	EOI: ParkCare Power Tool Use Trial Program
Lauren McQueen	Volunteers	20th December	Thank You & Happy Holidays from ParkCare

Lauren McQueen	Convenors	20th December	Thank You & Happy Holidays from ParkCare
Lauren McQueen		6th January	ParkCare Update
Lauren McQueen		13th January	EOI: ParkCare Power Tool Use Trial Program
Lauren McQueen	Volunteers	17th January	ParkCare January - June Training Calendar
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	17th January	ParkCare January - June Training Calendar and Convenor meeting dates
Lauren McQueen	Northside Convenors	20th January	FW: ParkCare January - June Training Calendar - Date Correction
Lauren McQueen		23rd January	ParkCare Power Tool Use Trial Program
Lauren McQueen		31st January	Launch of Volunteer Power Tool Use Trial Program
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	31st January	Launch of Volunteer Power Tool Use Trial Program
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	31st January	All Convenor Meeting Minutes & Action Items

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD
Michelle Jenkins: Volunteer Program Coordinator, EPSDD
Martin Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD
Naomi CHEYNE: EPSDD

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Fitz Gerald	John Brannan	14th November	Trees with bark removed at Dam
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	14th November	Re: Trees with bark removed at Dam
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	15th November	Re: Trees with bark removed at Dam
John Brannan	Martin Bajt; Patrick Harvey	19th November	New scar trees at the Pinnacle
Patrick Harvey	John Brannan, Martin Bajt	19th November	Re: New scar trees at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Patrick Harvey; Martin Bajt	19th November	Re: New scar trees at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	19th November	More ParkCare gear
Martin Bajt	John Brannan	20th November	Re: More ParkCare gear
Patrick Harvey	John Brannan; Martin Bajt	21st November	Re: New scar trees at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Patrick Harvey; Martin Bajt	22nd November	Re: New scar trees at the Pinnacle

Patrick Harvey	John Brannan; Martin Bajt	23rd November	Re: New scar trees at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	12th December	On-site meeting
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	16th December	Meeting at The Pinnacle NR
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	17th December	Re: Meeting at The Pinnacle NR
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	23rd January	Locks messed up on phone tower gate
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	24th January	Re: Locks messed up on phone tower gate
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	25th January	Locks in phone tower gate and weed spraying
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	27th January	Jumping Jacks near entrance
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	28th January	Re: Jumping Jacks near entrance
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	28th January	Re: Jumping Jacks near entrance
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	3rd February	Thanks for spraying and missing sign
Len Taylor	Leah Colebrook	5th February	Permission for vehicle entry to the Pinnacle
Leah Colebrook	Len Taylor	6th February	Re: Permission for vehicle entry to the Pinnacle
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	6th February	Re: Thanks

John Fitz Gerald: Friends of the Grasslands
Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD
Patrick Harvey: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North
Leah Colebrook: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp		15th November	Notice of Upcoming GCG AGM – Friday 22nd November
Len Taylor	Landcare	18th November	Any re-vegetation grants?
Kathryn McGilp	Len Taylor	20th November	Re: Any re-vegetation grants?
Suzanne Richardson		20th November	Please email me your Dec/Jan Landcare/enviro events by Wed 27th Nov
Maree Wright	John Brannan	25th November	EOY volunteer event MC role and organisation
John Brannan	Maree Wright	25th November	Re: EOY volunteer event MC role and organisation
Kathryn McGilp		27th November	GCG AGM – Minutes and Welcome our New Committee
Maree Wright	John Brannan	29th November	Re: EOY volunteer event organising group

Suzanne Richardson		10th December	Invitation: Ngunawal Education Session with Wally Bell and Karen Denny - 14th Dec
Kathryn McGilp		11th December	New Grant Opportunity: Cooling Your Suburb with Nature in the City
Kathryn McGilp		12th December	Fwd: Reminder: Working in the Heat
Suzanne Richardson		17th January	Updating your landcare events for 2025, plus Feb events due Mon 27th Jan
Suzanne Richardson		24th January	Reminder: Updating your landcare events for 2025, plus Feb events due Mon 27th Jan
Kathryn McGilp		28th January	GCG Welcome 2025!!
Kathryn McGilp		30th January	Join our BIGGEST EVER Clean Up!
Kathryn McGilp		4th February	GCG General Meeting March
Kathryn McGilp		4th February	GCG General Meeting September
Kathryn McGilp		4th February	GCG General Meeting March updated

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator
Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG
Maree Wright: Communications, Landcare ACT

Interpretive signs project

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Claire Conti	John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Cheree Mostert; Screenmakers Design	13th November	Updated Map package
Cheree Mostert	Claire Conti; John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Screenmakers Design	13th November	Re: Updated Map package
Lauren McQueen	Cheree Mostert; Claire Conti; John Brannan	13th January	Edits from Traditional Custodian Engagement Team
Cheree Mostert	Lauren McQueen	16th January	Re: Edits from Traditional Custodian Engagement Team
Elizabeth Burg	Lauren McQueen;	16th January	Updated designs

	Claire Conti; John Brannan		
Kathryn McGilp	Lauren McQueen; John Brannan; Claire Conti	20th January	Query re status of signage project
Lauren McQueen	Kathryn McGilp; John Brannan; Claire Conti	20th January	Re status: final proofs and timing of installation
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen; Kathryn McGilp Claire Conti	20th January	A few minor errors
John Brannan	Anke Maria Hoefer	20th January	Pinnacle signage — check on frogs on dam sign
Anke Maria Hoefer	John Brannan	20th January	Comments on dam sign
John Brannan	Anke Maria Hoefer	20th January	Thanks
John Brannan	Anke Maria Hoefer	21st January	Answers to questions on dam sign
John Brannan	Elizabeth Burg; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti; Cheree Mostert	21st January	Minor edits for signs
Elizabeth Burg;	Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti; John Brannan	22nd January	One more set of final proofs
John Brannan	Elizabeth Burg; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti; Cheree Mostert	22nd January	Signs are good to go!
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	24th January	Re: Signs are good to go!
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	24th January	Frame colour for signs
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan; Lauren	24th January	Re: frame colour

	McQueen; Claire Conti		
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	4th February	Signage project — financial update
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	4th February	Thanks for financial update
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	5th February	Member donation method
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	5th February	Re: Member donation method
Julian Low	Kathryn McGilp; John Brannan	5th February	Re: Method donation
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	6th February	Query on progress
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	6th February	Signs signed off and installation plans
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	6th February	Glad to hear
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	6th February	Walk through of positions on Monday
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert; Lauren McQueen; Claire Conti	6th February	Re: Walk through of positions on Monday

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD
Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD
Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator, GCG
Cheree Mostert: General Manager, Screenmakers Pty Ltd
Elizabeth Burg: Designer, Screenmakers
Anke Maria Hoefer: ACT & Region Frogwatch Coordinator, GCG
Julian Low: Finance Officer, GCG

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Frances Knight		25th November	Spring Markets 2024
Shirali Davé	John Brannan	10th December	RE: Planting event at The Pinnacle NR on Saturday Dec 14
Luke Talarico	Warren Bond	16th December	Withdrawal of Request to withhold information from the ACNC Register

Luke Talarico	Warren Bond	16th December	Application to have information withheld from the Charity Register
Nick Woodruff	fotpin	31st January	Possible Collaborations in 2025
Colette Patterson	Len Taylor	1st February	ANU Intrepid Landcare - Collaboration in 2025
Len Taylor	Nick Woodruff	1st February	Re: ANU Intrepid Landcare - Collaboration in 2025
Len Taylor	Collette Patterson	1st February	Re Possible Collaboration
Frances Knight		4th February	March/April Hawker Markets
John Brannan	Frances Knight	4th February	Re: March/April Hawker Markets
Len Taylor	Colette Patterson	5th February	Re: Possible Collaboration

Frances Knight: Convenor, Hawker Community Landcare
Shirali Davé: Birds on Farms Project Coordinator (ACT-Yass), Birdlife Australia
Luke Talarico: Law Interpretation Analyst, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
Nick Woodruff: Project Officer, ANU Intrepid Landcare
Collette Patterson: Project Officer, ANU Intrepid Landcare

Attachment B Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 1 May 2024 to 31 January 2025

Opening balance on 1 May 2024			**$2,399.29**
Receipts			
Beyond Bank Interest (May, Nov)	$0.23		
Member donations	$105.00		
		$105.23	
Payments			
Nil	$0.00		
		$0.00	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments			$105.23
Closing balance on 31 January 2025			**$2,504.52**
Reconciled to:			
"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	$2,322.17		
Petty Cash	$182.35		
Total		**$2,504.52**	
Other Liabilities			
Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group donation (Refer Note 1)	$1,300.00		
Uncommitted funds at 31 January 2025		**$1,204.52**	

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. Funds allocated to Fotpin for projects held by Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) *
    a. Residual of finalised grants and other income paid directly to GCG $7,442.52
    b. Residual of Molonglo Watermain Corridor vegetation management funds from Transport Canberra and City Services. $9,297.44

Total	16,739.96

** Confirmed by GCG 04 Feb 2025*

Warren Bond

Treasurer

7 February 2025

Approval guidelines for expenditure of funds held for fotpin by Ginninderra Catchment Group

Going back through the Treasurer's tasks and the minutes I found that the procedure developed by Mike was never actually approved by the Committee when last considered (6th February 2024, Item 2, Actions arising 20230206: Item 5). "..it was decided that the flow chart be amended to remove the distinction between individually promoted versus more general fotpin projects."

By my recollection it was in fact the opposite that was requested – ie. to make a distinction between project grants sought by individuals and other fund sources. This is supported by the observation that as far as I can see there is no mention of a special case for individuals in the flow chart presented by Mike to that meeting.

It also occurred to me that the distinction between how funds should be treated is more complex than just "individually requested vs other" funds.

The draft below attempts to address this and to simplify the process whilst maintaining appropriate good governance over the management of funds obtained in fotpin's name.

Draft Proposal for consideration/approval

Funds held by GCG fall into several categories:

1. Discretionary funds
   a. Residues of grants that did not require full acquittal
   b. Funds granted to us by GCG directly (such as fees for selling their brochures)

2. Grants for specific projects
   Generally these:
   - are applied for by an individual citing Friends of The Pinnacle to support the application;
   - have specific budget items identified for how the money is to be spent.

3. Grants for generalized objectives with no specific budget items and perhaps (though preferably not) with little documentation

Category 2 is the simplest. The person who applied for the grant arranges direct billing to, or reimbursement against receipts from, GCG. That person and GCG are jointly responsible for ensuring that the funds are spent as intended. At the conclusion of the project a brief summary of how the funds were spent and what outcomes were achieved should be presented to the Coordination Committee for noting in the minutes.

Category 3. An example of this category is the case of the ex gratia payment from the ACT government to fotpin for revegetation and weed control along the Molonglo Watermain Corridor. This was essentially undocumented with no specific budget allocations or requirements. Because of its long history (see note below) there was confusion about what it was intended to be used for, though an email trail exists.
For this reason it is treated the same way as category 1 (discretionary funds).

> *Note: The allocation of these funds had a long history over several years, several directorates and several ACT government employees. The original intent was that these would be to support fotpin weed control activities in general including the watermain corridor, but shifted*

its emphasis after the regeneration attempts by the Government directorate(s) in charge failed spectacularly.

Category 1. In the absence of specific purposes associated with the funds:

- A proposal should be presented for approval to the Coordination Committee and documented in the minutes;
- Written authorisation should be provided to GCG to release the funds for the purpose approved by the Committee;
- The Treasurer is responsible for dealing with GCG on funds management issues including advising them of these arrangements, submitting authorisations and obtaining transaction and balance statements as required

Warren Bond
Treasurer
First draft: 08 Feb 2025
Revised: 11 Feb 2025. following Committee discussion and approval

The guidelines, without the explanatory background material, are summarised below.

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Approval guidelines for expenditure of funds held for fotpin by Ginninderra Catchment Group

Grants for specific projects

The fotpin member who applied for the grant arranges direct billing to, or reimbursement against receipts from, GCG. That person and GCG are jointly responsible for ensuring that the funds are spent in accordance with the grant. At the conclusion of the project a brief summary of how the funds were spent and what outcomes were achieved should be presented to the Coordination Committee for noting in the minutes.

"Discretionary" funds

Comprising:

a. Residues of grants that did not require full acquittal
b. Funds granted to us by GCG
c. Grants having generalized objectives with no specific budget items and perhaps with little documentation of the intended purpose of the funds

- A proposal should be presented to the Coordination Committee for approval and documented in the minutes;

- Written authorisation should be provided to GCG to release the funds for the purpose approved by the Committee;

Responsibility
The Treasurer is responsible for dealing with GCG on management of funds being managed by them on fotpin's behalf, including advising them of these arrangements, submitting authorisations and obtaining transaction and balance statements as required.

11 Feb 2025

Attachment C Weetangera Paddock Ground Cover Revegetation Report

Fenced Areas

Fenced Site 1

As an experiment two Vittadinia were planted in a large bare patch in which had previously been sown with Microlaena and then Austrostipa. These two Vittadinia are still surviving however what is really interesting is that whilst the soil readily accepted water at first it has now become almost hydrophobic during this long fairly dry period. This can also be noted looking at the soil surface and noticing how the fine organic matter has been deposited after what rain we have had. On the edge of this bare area is a self sown Wattle over 2m tall that is dying.
The Themeda (planted January 2022) is still growing well and producing seed. This does pose a dilemma as to when to remove the fence. Themeda which has been planted with no other tall less nutritious grasses or forbs in other areas of Weetangera paddock have been grazed to death,

Fenced Site 3

Over most of the site the ground cover is now good. Some Hairy panic has established itself amongst the the sown Microlaena. However the area which was infested with Yorkshire fog still remains largely bare. This bare area should be planted with a mixture of cool and warm season tube stock whilst we still have the benefit of the fence.

Fenced Site 4

These Themeda, planted March 2024 are doing well and producing seeds which will hopefully work their way into the 3cm of mulch. As with Site 1 we need to plant some tallish forbs or grasses which are not appetising to grazers amongst the Themeda.

Planting

Altogether we planted 120 self grown tube stock – 40 each of Calotis lappulacea, Leucochrysum albicans and Vittadinia. Only29 have survived despite weekly watering. This 25% survival is dismal compared to our other plantings. Taking all factors into consideration I am convinced it is largely due to not getting the tube stock ready for planting early enough. As this is more than likely to occur in the future I have come to a decision that I will no longer be raising any more tube stock from seed.
We need to see if anyone else wants to generate tube stock for us so that I can pass on the tubes and frames. The greenhouse is already with John Brannan. Also we have hundreds of 300mm high wire mesh plant protectors. These are quite useful for low growing forbs with wind distributed seeds. If we cannot get a volunteer to grow tube stock for us I feel we should offer most of these guards to other groups.