



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 16th May 2021 1-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Mike Hall, Len Taylor, Alana Wilkes

1. Apologies

nil

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

It was moved by John and seconded by Mike that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 8th Feb 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: John to continue to follow up.

210208: Item 5 Treasurer's Report

Action: Mike to complete setting up EFT capability from our bank account

Completed except that John has still to activate his countersigning capability

210208: Item 9 Events Program

Action: John to ask John Fitz Gerald whether he'd be willing to lead a walk, and to contact Hawker Primary to check whether they will hold a fete this year.

Completed

210208: Item 13 AGM

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

In progress

Action: Warren and John to organise AGM.

Completed

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

Noted.

4. Convenor's Report

To be presented at AGM.

5. Treasurer's Report

To be presented at AGM.

6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report that reported that our current membership is 104, no net change since the last meeting while number of other people who have requested to be on our email lists increased by 1 to 208, making the total on our email lists of 312.

7. Weed Management

Warren had previously circulated his report.

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting has been limited by available volunteers rather than the quantity of weeds, but in the last 3 months was 239 hours. This is around average for these 3 months for the last 5 seasons, but considerably less than for seasons before that. It was the 3rd smallest of our 11 year record, but it was, however, spent almost entirely on the Reserve.

The main weeds dealt with were Miscellaneous Broadleaf weeds (which include Prickly Lettuce, Mustard, Sorrel, Storksbill and various flatweeds). St John's Wort, Verbascum, Saffron Thistles and Briars. Together these made up 87% of the effort for the 3 months.

The only real positive to come out of the season so far is the continuing reduction in briar numbers, down 98% from their peak in the 2012-13 season.

Noted.

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

Warren had previously circulated his report, noting that there had been no changes since our 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 February 1st has averaged 212 per month, exactly the same as the previous 3 month period and 30% more than the corresponding period last year. Interest in walking pages continues at an elevated level (relative to pre-covid) declining only slightly from the previous 3-month period.

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

Noted.

b. Social Media

Alana and Denise circulated the following report ahead of the meeting:

Fotpin continues to use Facebook to complement email and noticeboard communication, promote events such as bird walks, circulate messages such as lost and found and engage with similar groups. The public Fotpin Facebook page has almost 200 followers.

Fotpin is also in the early stages of using Instagram to encourage followers to share photos taken in The Pinnacle. @friendsofthepinnacle has 44 followers on Instagram.

Noted.

9. Groundcover Revegetation Project Report ([Attachment B](#))

Len had circulated his report before the meeting and summarised the key points, including:

- an update on progress of previous plantings;
- new plantings and propagation carried out;
- identification of new planting sites;

- the importance of weed control around the new plantings.

He also added that the plastic fences, though inexpensive, were turning out to have a few problems that needed addressing.

10. Other Business

nil

Meeting closed at 1-50 pm.

Warren Bond
Fotpin Secretary
26th May 2021

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

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Marty Bajt		9 th Feb	Greening Australia plant orders
Marty Bajt		10 th Feb	Requitements for PPE and tools
Scott Ryan		10 th Feb	ACT Budget
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	11 th Feb	Tree guards
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	13 th Feb	Arm protectors
Marty Bajt		15 th Feb	Greening Australia Nursery Terms
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	15 th Feb	Tree guards
Marty Bajt		17 th Feb	Clean Up Australia Day Bags
Marty Bajt		18 th Feb	The Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary Draft Strategy 2020-2045 open for comment
Marty Bajt		22 nd Feb	More tree guards
Marty Bajt		23 rd Feb	More Clean Up Australia Day Bags
Marty Bajt		24 th Feb	European Wasp alert
Scott Ryan		25 th Feb	Minutes of Northside Convenors' Meeting
Scott Ryan		26 th Feb	Training opportunities: First Aid,
Marty Bajt		1 st Mar	Native lovegrass (Weeping lovegrass) alert
Marty Bajt		2 nd Mar	Notice of Environmental burn in the Pinnacle Extension on 3 rd March
Scott Ryan		3 rd Mar	Accessing the Regional Fire map: https://actmapi.act.gov.au/ > Bushfire
Marty Bajt		4 th Mar	New Director "Urban Reserves" – Kevin Foley
Scott Ryan		4 th Mar	Information about the Collector App for weeds
Scott Ryan		5 th Mar	Revised PCS Organisation Chart
Len Taylor	Marty Bajt	9 th Mar	Baileyana Branches, Star Pickets and Fencing Netting
John Brannan	Senator Raff Ciccone	10 th Mar	Accepting invitation to the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of Landcare
Marty Bajt	Len Taylor	10 th Mar	Response to request of 9 th March
Scott Ryan		10 th Mar	Upcoming Grass and Weed ID training
Marty Bajt		10 th Mar	Water Cubes refilling and Mulch requirements
John Brannan	Marty Bajt, Scott Ryan, Kelzang Tshering, +++	12 th Mar	Funding request for direct seeding project n Weetangera paddock
Scott Ryan		17 th Mar	PCS Visitor Satisfaction survey
Marty Bajt		18 th Mar	Regional Bushfire Planning and Zoning

Len Taylor	Marty Bajt	18 th Mar	Follow-up to request for Baileyana Branches, Star Pickets, Fencing, etc
Marty Bajt		19 th Mar	Availability of more "Love Your Reserve" signs
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	19 th Mar	Requesting the fotpin allocation of "Love Your Reserve" signs
Marty Bajt		21 st Mar	Availability of permanent marking pens to go with "Love Your Reserve" signs
Marty Bajt		24 th Mar	New weed incursion – Red Buffalo Burr
Marty Bajt		30 th Mar	Maintenance of the Centenary Trail and alignments
Scott Ryan		30 th Mar	Upcoming ChemCert training
Marty Bajt		7 th Apr	On ParkCare Ranger Annual Leave until 18 th April
Len Taylor	Marty Bajt	8 th Apr	Requesting assistance with fencing new area
Scott Ryan		16 th Apr	Invitation to a 'Species and Landscape Recovery, Restoration and Resilience' forum being held by the Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Network
Marty Bajt		20 th Apr	Help shape the new ACT Natural Resource Management Plan
Scott Ryan			End of Scott's temporary term as Volunteer Programs Manager on 27 th April; next temporary manager is to be Karen Williams
Marty Bajt		26 th Apr	Corflute recycling trial
Karen Williams		30 th Apr	Chemcert training
Karen Williams		6 th May	National Volunteer Week- ParkCare BBQ Breakfast, 19 th May, 9am-11am
Karen Williams		10 th May	ParkCare convenors meeting 26 th May

Scott Ryan/Karen Williams: Volunteer Programs Manager

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger:

Sally Hatton: RangerAssist Coordinator

Lisa Testoni: Director of Volunteers and Visitor Experience

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	20 th Feb	Track maintenance; Spraying African Lovegrass along vehicle track heading into the reserve from Dungowan St; interpretive signage; removal of gravel piles
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	22 nd Feb	Responses to above and arrange to meet on site
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering		Confirmation of above
Craig Wainwright	John Brannan	2 nd Mar	Confirmation of environmental burn in Pinnacle Extension on 3 rd March
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	4 th Mar	Support for Potential funding from the Stronger Communities Programme
John Brannan	Marty Bajt, Scott Ryan, Kelzang Tshering, Mark Sweaney	12 th Mar	Funding request for direct seeding project in Weetangera paddock
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	15 th Mar	Thanks for work on track behind houses east of Dungowan St.
Mark Sweaney	John Brannan	16 th Mar	Initial acknowledgment of Stronger Communities grant application
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan, Secretary	17 th Mar	Update on walking track repair
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan, Secretary	17 th Mar	Update on gravel pile removal
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	17 th Mar	Approval of funding request for direct seeding project direct from PCS
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering	17 th Mar	Seeking clarification of plan for dealing with gravel pile
Kelzang Tshering	John Brannan	18 th Mar	Clarification of plan for dealing with gravel pile
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	18 th Mar	Requesting status of proposal to deal with problem rabbit warren in Forest paddock
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	19 th Mar	Requesting assistance in paying for seed from Nindethana Seeds
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	24 th Mar	Explaining the situation with the problem rabbit warren and notifying that Autumn fumigation has commenced
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	31 st Mar	Regarding payment for fencing materials, etc
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	8 th Apr	Regarding receipt of seed from Nindethana and payment for soil wetter
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	3 rd May	Requesting restoring of 200 lock to chain on gate to Extension

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

* Kelzang Tshering: Pinnacle Ranger * Craig Wainwright: Offsets Ranger

* Mark Sweaney: Assistant Director (Area Manger), Urban Reserves North

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp		10 th Feb	Consultation by Office of Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment: contributions made by the community to the protection and understanding of our environment in the ACT
Kathryn McGilp		12 th Feb	New arrangements for GCG Newsletter
Kathryn McGilp		25 th Feb	Notice of meeting 1 st March
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd Mar	Ginninderra catchment Clean Up Australia Day events
Len Taylor	Fiona Spier	9 th Mar	Funding sources for sowing grass seeds
John Brannan		12 th Mar	Minutes of GCG General Meeting
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	12 th Mar	Applications for Stronger Communities grants
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	13 th Mar	Grant application assistance; advice that ACT Environment grants have just been released
Fiona Spear	John Brannan	16 th Mar	Response on grant application assistance
Kathryn McGilp		17 th Mar	Current community consultations
Kathryn McGilp		18 th Mar	Regional Bushfire Planning and Zoning
Kathryn McGilp		19 th Mar	2021-2022 ACT Environment and Nature in the City Grants; applications open
Fiona Spear	John Brannan	22 nd Mar	Guidelines for signage
John Brannan	Fiona Spear	22 nd Mar	Response to above
Kathryn McGilp		25 th Mar	Office of Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (OCSE) Volunteering Report - workshop outcomes and information request
Kathryn McGilp		31 st Mar	"Hawker Community Gardens" application for admission as a member group
John Brannan	Fiona Spear	1 st , 2 nd , 6 th , 9 th , 22 nd Apr	Clarification about enquiry about funds held for fotpin by GCG
Fiona Spear	John Brannan	1 st , 6 th , 9 th , 22 nd , 26 th Apr	RE: clarification about enquiry about funds held for fotpin by GCG
Julian Low	John Brannan, Len Taylor	6 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , 19 th Apr	Following up on enquiry about funds held for fotpin by GCG
John Brannan	Julian Low, Len Taylor	6 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th Apr	Following up on enquiry about funds held for fotpin by GCG
Len Taylor	Julian Low, John Brannan	8 th Apr	Providing details of his past expenditure against funds held by GCG

Kathryn McGilp		19 th Apr	Help shape the new ACT Natural Resource Management Plan
Kathryn McGilp		27 th Apr	GCG Newsletter
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd May	GCG Meeting Agenda for 3 rd May
Kathryn McGilp		8 th May	ACT NRM Consultation Forum, 20 th May, 4.30-7pm

* Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

* Julian Low: Finance Officer

* Fiona Spier: Projects Officer

Pipeline

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Tim Berriman	John Brannan	19 th Feb	Update on watering of shrubs and trees
John Brannan	Tim Berriman	22 nd Feb	Querying the survival target for tree and shrub plantings
John Brannan	Tim Berriman, Stuart Oxborrow, Andrew Halley, Kelzang Schering	16 th Mar	Update on weed status along corridor
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	18 th Mar	Request for update on Proposed agreement with the Friends of the Pinnacle
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan	18 th Mar	Response to above; he is seeking information with the person tasked with dealing with this
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan	8 th Apr	Update on difficulty finding a contractor to handle the repeat of the revegetation of the pipeline corridor from “4-ways” to the Bottom Pinnacle fence. Confirmation that fotpin’s request for \$12,000 for maintaining weed control in the upper section of the pipeline corridor has been approved and payment via GCG is imminent
John Brannan	Andrew Halley	9 th Apr	Seeking suggestions for a contractor to provide revegetation referred to above.
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	10 th Apr	Suggesting alternative contractors to provide revegetation referred to above.

* Tim Berriman: Calibre (overseeing pipeline contract compliance)

* Stuart Oxborrow: Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Delivery, TCCS

* Andrew Halley: Ranger-in-Charge, Northside

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Lisa Elliston	15 th Feb	Enquiring about this year's Hawker PS Fete
Lisa Elliston	John Brannan	11 th Mar	Replying that it will again be cancelled in autumn but may go ahead later in the year
Len Taylor	Nindethana Seeds, Kelzang Tshering	17 th Mar	Order for Microlaena Stipoides Seeds
Friends of Grasslands		25 th Mar	Friends of Grasslands 2021 Grassy Ecosystem Grants
John Brannan	Dean Freeman	25 th Mar	Invitation to be guest speaker at the fotpin AGM; Dean is Aboriginal Fire Management Officer - Cultural Burns, PCS
Dean Freeman	John Brannan	29 th Mar	Acceptance of invitation to speak at AGM
Len Taylor	Murrumbateman Rural Supplies	30 th Mar	Order for fencing materials
John Brannan	Office of Peter Cain MLA	19 th Apr	Responding to Cain's apology for not attending the bird walk
Len Taylor	Tim Gill, Melanie Monaghan	20 th Apr	Accepting St. Francis Xavier College's offer to provide students for planting and weeding
Tim Gill	Various	27 th Apr	Regarding above
John Cain	John Brannan	3 rd May	Flagging his intention to attend the AGM
John Brannan	John Cain	3 rd May	Acknowledging above message
John Cain	John Brannan	14 th May	Apologising for not being able to attend the AGM after all.

*Tim Gill: Occasional helper of Len's apparently with some connection to St. Francis Xavier College

*Melanie Monaghan: Teacher, St. Francis Xavier College

* John Cain: Liberal MLA for Ginninderra

Attachment B Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Progress Report

Fencing

The plastic mesh fences with surrounding branches did a good job. They enabled much quicker planting, watering and weeding at the same time of keeping all rabbits out. The large 15m enclosure was eventually jumped over by kangaroos. Since the plastic was becoming brittle in places we decided to pull it down. Wire mesh guards were put around the *Themeda*. The 6m diameter fence is still doing a good job.

Two new fences have been erected to protect seeding sites.

- Site 1 1.1m high wire mesh fence of 50m perimeter taking 33 man hours to complete.
- Site 2 Plastic mesh 1m high, with surrounding branches of approximately 36m perimeter took only 3½ man hours to complete. This used mainly new mesh left over from a previous fence and a better part of the removed 15m fence. Since the seeds are going to take about 2 years to establish a grass colony then this will have to be replaced sometime.

Previously Planted Tube stock

Good *Microlaena* and *Leucochrysum* recruitment continues.

Tube Stock Planted

John Brannan's colleague donated 8 fairly advanced *Themeda*. These and the following remnants of the previous quarter's tube stock have been planted out.

- 9 *Themeda*
- 2 *Hardenbergia*
- 2 *Whalenbergia*

Tube Stock Germination

At the moment we have seedlings of the following growing in trays and needing transplanting to tubes:-

- *Leucochrysum albicans*
- *Calotis lappulaceae*
- *Xerochrysum viscosum*
- *Vittadinia*

and 80 tubes of *Leucochrysum albicans* – declared endangered by Commonwealth and threatened in Victoria and Tasmania.

Tim Gill is germinating about 200 tubes of wheat grass

Direct Seeding

The donated older seed of *Bothriochloa macra* and a few *Themeda* sown in the 15m diameter enclosure did not germinate.

After some delays we eventually got the money for fencing and *Microlaena* seeds at three sites. Soil wetter was applied to the two hydrophobic sites just before the forecasted rain. Unfortunately this rain turned out to be a downpour which washed the soil wetter away. Another lot was purchased and applied. The two fences have been erected (see fencing above). Site 2 has been seeded with *Microlaena*. Seeding has begun on site 3 as it is more likely to hold the necessary soil moisture longer than site 1. This will be protected purely by branches.

Weeding

As stated previously the key to regeneration of the ground cover is weed control. The area that we weed fairly intensively has been reduced. We have, however, noted significant improvement in the expansion of native grasses, particularly *Austrostipa* and *Microlaena*, due to our targeting of any weed which is likely to seed soon in and around areas of native cover. These are mainly classified as miscellaneous broadleaf weeds.

Len Taylor
16th May 2021