



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Sunday 18th May 2025 1:30 pm

Minutes

Present:

In person: John Brannan (Convenor), Anne Aisbett, Warren Bond, Len Taylor.

On-line: Denise Hall.

Apologies: Alana Wilkes.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting / Business Arising

It was moved by John Brannan and seconded by Len that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 10th February 2025 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

2. Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

Carried over from previous meeting:

20250210: Item 3 Business arising:

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

Completed.

20250210: Treasurer's Report:

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

In progress.

20250210: Weed Management:

Action Item: Warren to provide wording for recruiting more weed sprayers to John as a message to be sent to the members and mailing list.

In progress.

20250210: Community Outreach:

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

In progress.

20250210: Events Program:

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

Completed.

20250210: Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project:

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

In progress.

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

Completed.

20250210: Interpretive signs launch:

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

Completed.

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

Completed.

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.

In progress.

Carried over from past meetings:

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.

Completed.

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.

Completed.

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.

Completed.

20240519: Item 9 Events Program

Action Item: 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](#))

Noted.

Business arising (other than that to be dealt with under other items): None.

4. **Convenor's Report**

To be presented at AGM.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

To be presented at AGM.

Warren noted that the expenditure on the BBQ and associated refreshments for the sign launch, approved by the Committee out of session at the beginning of April, has been reimbursed to Anne, Denise and John and that the total expenditure was within the approved budget.

6. **Membership Report**

Warren reported that our current membership increased to 117 and the total number of people on the email lists is 363.

7. **Weed Management**

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (February 1 to April 30) was 319 hours (23% of which was in the Weetangera paddock). This total was 17% more than these 3 months last season and 7% more than the average for these three months for the previous 14 seasons.

The largest proportion of effort (25%) was spent on St. John's Wort. This was followed by miscellaneous low to medium risk Broadleaf weeds (18%), "Other" Woody weeds including blackberries and Briars (17%), Exotic grasses including African lovegrass(12%), Verbascum (11%) and Thistles including Saffron thistles (11%).

Two species related to each other - Cobblers pegs and Greater Beggars Ticks - are relatively new additions to our highly invasive weed list that have become more prevalent this season, particularly in parts of Kama Link paddock (the Pinnacle Extension), where a severe infestation is being managed, along with two severe infestations just outside the reserve in Bottom Pinnacle.

8. **Information and Outreach**

a. **Website**

The number of unique visitors in the last 3 months (February to April) averaged 231/month, 33% more than the previous 3 months, 13% more than the same 3 months last year and 12% more 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" (147 views by 9 users) was the most sought after page on our site in this period, followed by the Track Map page (144 views by 98 users), "Newsletters" (94 views by 59 users), "About the Pinnacle" (92 views by 85 users), "What's On" calendar (69 views by 41 users), the Kama Link Walk —trackside sign version (50 views by 25 users), Suggested walks index page (44 views by 30 users), the Kama Link Walk – index page version (34 views by 33 users), the Weather page (29 views by 6 users the Maps home page (28 views by 17 users) and the weeding activities page (28 views by 13 users).

Warren noted that the suggested walks and their directions pages, launched at the same time as the signs, are starting to be accessed. Notably, the page with the most hits was the

page describing the Kama Link walk that is only accessed from the QR code on the Kama Link trackside sign - 75 views by 39 users.

b. Social Media

The fotpin Facebook/Meta page has 555 followers, and the Instagram account has 156 followers.

9. Events Program

To be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Report

All the fenced and planting sites reported in February are the same, and watering the plants has continued. A few small places where we have weeded have been sown with either *Microlaena* or *Austrostipa* seeds and covered with small branches to deter grazing.

As Len will no longer be raising any more tube stock from seed, another volunteer is being sought to do this so that Len 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.

11. Other Business

(a) Biodiversity report.

Our count of total native species currently stands at 1,062, an increase of 8 in the last 3 months. The number of native plant species remains at 276.

The Pinnacle Nature Reserve Species Richness Score (SRS) on NatureMapr has increased by 36 in the last 3 months and still ranks 5th of the Canberra Nature Reserves.

An interesting addition to the species list was the PNR's first identified Slime Mould (found by the fungi group exploring the reserve on the day of the sign launch) – see <https://canberra.naturemapr.org/sightings/4660394>. Slime moulds are interesting organisms exhibiting remarkable behaviours, including the ability to find shortest paths through mazes, build optimized networks, and even learn and transfer information. These behaviours, despite the absence of a brain, have been suggested to be a form of decentralized intelligence. At least 17 species are known to be present in the greater Canberra region.

12. Proposed date for next meeting.

Monday 18th August was suggested, to be confirmed by the new committee.

Meeting closed: at 1.40 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
20th May 2025

Attachment A**Major items of correspondence since February 2025 Meeting****ParkCare**

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Lauren McQueen		11 th February	ParkCare Update - February 2025
Len Taylor	Martin Bajt	18 th February	Surplus plant guards
Martin Bajt	Len Taylor	18 th February	Re: Surplus plant guards
Lauren McQueen		21 st February	Reminder: Convenor Meeting - Next Wednesday 26 February
Lauren McQueen		24 th February	Prescribed Burn Notification: Tuesday 25 February — Kama Nature Reserve
Lauren McQueen		7 th March	Power Tool Bookings Now Available
John Brannan	EPSDD	11 th March	Loan of 5-panel display boards and teardrop ParkCare banners
Taylah Kelly	John Brannan	11 th March	Re: Loan of 5-panel display boards and teardrop ParkCare banners
Taylah Kelly	John Brannan	20 th March	Re: Loan of 5-panel display boards and teardrop ParkCare banners
John Brannan	EPSDD	11 th March	Re: Loan of 5-panel display boards and teardrop ParkCare banners
Tenzin Phuntsho		21 st March	Planting Native Grass Seed Tips
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	30 th March	PL Insurance cover note for our AGM
Lauren McQueen		31 st March	Fringe Forum - Request for Presentations
Lauren McQueen	fotpin	1 st April	2025 Prescribed Burn program commences
John Brannan	Taylah Kelly	2 nd April	Display board and teardrop banners for this weekend
Michelle Jenkins		3 rd April	ParkCare Uniform
Lauren McQueen		22 nd April	National Volunteer Week: Thank You BBQ
Lauren McQueen		22 nd April	Fringe Forum - Request for Presentations
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	23 rd April	Re: Fringe Forum - Request for Presentations
Lauren McQueen		24 th April	ACT Environmental Volunteer Training
Lauren McQueen		28 th April	ChemCert Availability - Next week
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	28 th April	Re: Fringe Forum - Request for Presentations
Lauren McQueen		2 nd May	Environment Grants — Approvals
Lauren McQueen		2 nd May	Your Say: ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan

Lauren McQueen		2 nd May	You're Invited! Urambi Community Planting Day
Lauren McQueen		6 th May	RE: Availability for GCG Strategic Planning Day – Sunday 1st June
Lauren McQueen		12 th May	ParkCare Fringe Forum - Details and Registration Link
Lauren McQueen		12 th May	Don't Forget! ParkCare Thank You BBQ
Lauren McQueen		13 th May	Better Impact Update
Lauren McQueen		14 th May	Fringe Forum - Cancelled
Lauren McQueen		14 th May	ACT Biosecurity Act 2023
Lauren McQueen		16 th May	ParkCare Updates

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

Tenzin Phuntsho: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Michelle Jenkins: Volunteer Program Coordinator, EPSDD

Taylah Kelly: Commercial Tourism and Events Officer, Volunteer and Visitor Experience Parks and Partnerships, EPSDD

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Leah Colebrook		10 th March	Fairy Garden in The Pinnacle
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	17 th March	Water Cube
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	17 th March	Re: Water Cube
Warren Bond	Leah Colebrook	19 th March	Furniture and wood gathering on Pinnacle Nature Reserve
Leah Colebrook	Warren Bond	20 th March	Re: Furniture and wood gathering on Pinnacle Nature Reserve
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	31 st March	More new scar trees at the Pinnacle
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	2 nd April	More new scar trees at the Pinnacle
Viki Fox	fotpin	4 th April	Tree damage in the Pinnacle
Warren Bond	Leah Colebrook, Patrick Harvey	4 th April	Re: Tree damage in the Pinnacle
Warren Bond	Viki Fox	5 th April	Re: Tree damage in the Pinnacle
Warren Bond	CNP North	11 th April	Potentially dangerous tree on a track in the PNR burn area
Len Taylor	Leah Colebrook	25 th April	Fence Deliberately Opened Up
Warren Bond	Leah Colebrook	28 th April	Re: Potentially dangerous tree on a track in the PNR burn area
Len Taylor	Leah Colebrook	4 th May	Re: Fence Deliberately Opened Up

Patrick Harvey: Senior Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Leah Colebrook: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Viki Fox: Indigenous people

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Suzanne Richardson		21 st February	Please email me your March Landcare/enviro events by Monday 24th Feb
Anke Maria Hoefler		28 th February	Frogs, Butterflies & Opportunities – Catch Up on All the Excitement!
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	12 th March	Facebook post for tree walk
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	12 th March	Re: Facebook post for tree walk
Kathryn McGilp		13 th March	GCG Members Meeting – March 17 th
Suzanne Richardson		18 th March	Please email me your April Landcare/enviro events by Monday 24th March
Kathryn McGilp		31 st March	GCG Members Meeting - Monday 17th March 2025
Kathryn McGilp		31 st March	GCG Constitution Survey – Share Your Feedback
Suzanne Richardson		9 th April	Extended: GCG Constitution Survey - Share Your Feedback
SmartyGrants	Convenor	15 th April	Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	15 th April	Re: Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	15 th April	Re: Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	15 th April	Re: Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
Kathryn McGilp		19 th April	GCG Member Meeting - Monday 12th May (Special General Meeting - Constitution)
Suzanne Richardson		23 rd April	Please email me your May Landcare/enviro events by Monday 28th April
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	23 rd April	Re: GCG Member Meeting - Monday 12th May (Special General Meeting - Constitution)
GCG		29 th April	Site Meeting at Croke Place (Pre GCG Member Meeting)
GCG		29 th April	Site Meeting at Croke Place (Pre GCG Member Meeting) - UPDATE
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	29 th April	ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed

John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	29 th April	Re: Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	1 st May	Re: Submission: ENV20222300050 - Due date for form changed
Suzanne Richardson		9 th May	Call for your landcaring group's yearly update - due 2nd June
Kathryn McGilp		12 th May	Re: Have Your Say - ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan Version 5 Consultation Period — Draft GCG reponse
Kathryn McGilp		12 th May	GCG Member Meeting - Monday 12th May (Special General Meeting - Constitution)
Kathryn McGilp		13 th May	GCG Member Meeting - Monday 12th May (Special General Meeting - Constitution)
Kathryn McGilp		14 th May	SAINT JOHNS WORT CONTROL_Follow-Up from GCG Members March Meeting
Suzanne Richardson		14 th May	GCG Strategic Plan Survey and Planning Day
Kathryn McGilp		16 th May	Notification of Approved GCG Constitution Update

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Anke Maria Hofer: ACT & Region FrogWatch Coordinator

SmartyGrants: ACT Grants Program

Interpretive signs project

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Cheree Mostert	Lauren McQueen, Claire Conti, John Brannan, Leah Colebrook	19 th February	Installation complete
Julian Low	John Brannan	19 th February	FOTPIN signage — financial update
John Brannan	Julian Low	19 th February	GCG bank details
Julian Low	John Brannan	19 th February	Re: GCG bank details
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert, Lauren McQueen, Claire Conti, John Brannan	19 th February	Sign Installation and launch event
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan	19 th February	Yes to attend the launch
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	19 th February	Draft email invite to MLAs
John Brannan	Tara Cheyne	21 st February	Invite to the launch

John Brannan	Jo Clay	21 st February	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Peter Cain	21 st February	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Wally Bell	21 st February	Invite to the launch
Jo Clay	John Brannan	24 th February	Acceptance for the launch
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	25 th February	Need for resources for Launch?
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	25 th February	Re: Need for resources for Launch?
Marty Bajt	John Brannan	26 th February	Re: Need for resources for Launch?
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	26 th February	Re: Need for resources for Launch?
John Brannan		2 nd March	Invitation to the launch
Alana Wilkes for Archer Calloway	Secretary	2 nd March	Can't make the launch
Alison Milton	John Brannan	2 nd March	Acceptance for the launch
Anke Maria Hoefler	John Brannan	3 rd March	Acceptance for the launch
Carolynne Parker	fotpin	3 rd March	Can't make the launch
Rhys Thompson	John Brannan	3 rd March	Tara Cheyne acceptance for the launch
John Brannan	Rhys Thompson	4 th March	Re: Tara Cheyne acceptance for the launch
John Brannan	Carolynne Parker	4 th March	Re: Can't make the launch
John Brannan	Claire Conti	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Sarah Hnatiuk	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Rosemary Blemings	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Michael Robinson	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen; Marty Bajt	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook; Julian Lolicato; Kelzang Tshering	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp; Julian Low	7 th March	Invite to the launch
John Brannan	Pax	9 th March	Invite to the launch
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	9 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Sarah Hnatiuk	Secretary	10 th March	Acceptance for the launch

Marty Bajt	Secretary	11 th March	Apology for the launch
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	11 th March	Apology for the launch
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	11 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Wally Bell	John Brannan	11 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Duncan McCaskill	Secretary	11 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Dr Michael Robinson	John Brannan	12 th March	Apology for the launch
John Brannan	Maxine Cooper	12 th March	Invite to the launch
Nicola McPhan	John Brannan	12 th March	Apology for the launch
Scott Woodward	John Brannan	13 th March	Apology for the launch
Lesley Harland	John Brannan	14 th March	Acceptance for Lesley and John Fitz Gerald
Douglas Finlayson	John Brannan	15 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Natasha Clancy	Alana Wilkes	15 th March	Acceptance for the launch
Pax	John Brannan	22 nd March	Acceptance for the launch
Penelope Whitten	John Brannan	23 rd March	Acceptance for the launch
Alana Wilkes	Secretary	3 rd April	Confirmation of Nanette Betts' attendance
Tony Ashton	Secretary	14 th April	Acceptance for the launch
Anke Maria Hofer	John Brannan	7 th April	Photos of the launch
John Brannan	Anke Maria Hofer	7 th April	Re: Photos of the launch
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook, Patrick Harvey	7 th April	Thanks for attending the launch and landscaping

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD

Cheree Mostert: General Manager, Screenmakers Pty Ltd

Julian Lolicato: Ranger, Urban Reserves North,

Patrick Harvey: Senior Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Julian Low: Finance Officer, Ginninderra Catchment Group

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Tara Cheyne: Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly

Jo Clay: Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly

Peter Cain: Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly

Carolynne Parker: ex-fotpin

Anke Maria Hofer: ACT & Region Frogwatch Coordinator, GCG

Leah Colebrook: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Sarah Hnatiuk: Convenor, Friends of Mt Painter

Michael Robinson: CEO, Landcare ACT

Maxine Cooper: Chair, Landcare ACT

Nicola McPhan: Assistant Director, Web Communications, EPSDD

Scott Woodward: EPSDD

Archer Calloway: Supplied image for a sign

Rhys Thompson: Advisor, Office of Tara Cheyne MLA

Duncan McCaskill: Supplied images for the signs

Wally Bell: Ngunawal Traditional Custodian

Douglas Finlayson: Geologist

Natasha Clancy: Supplied image for a sign

Penelope Whitten: ex-fotpin

Tony Ashton: Friends of Mt Painter

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Frances Knight		10 th February	March/April Markets
John Brannan	Frances Knight	10 th February	Re: March/April Markets
Frances Knight		11 th February	Re: March/April Markets
Frances Knight		18 th February	Re: March/April Markets
Len Taylor	Colette Patterson	18 th February	Intrepid Landcare ANU event
Thomas Brereton	Fotpin	20 th February	Adding to the email list
Warren Bond	Thomas Brereton	24 th February	Re: Adding to the email list
John Brannan	Intrepid Landcare ANU	28 th February	Permission to use photos on fotpin newsletter
John Brannan	Michael Doherty	7 th March	Another tree walk at The Pinnacle
Rosalia Hughes	John Brannan	8 th March	Permission to use Intrepid Landcare ANU photos
Michael Doherty	John Brannan	8 th March	Dates for tree walk
John Brannan	Michael Doherty	10 th March	Re: Dates for tree walk
Len Taylor	ACTNRM	10 th March	Query re ACT environmental grants
John Brannan	Zoe Ramshaw	3 rd April	Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar
Zoe Ramshaw	John Brannan	3 rd April	Re: Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar
Gill Whiting	Len Taylor	12 th March	Re: ACT Environmental Grants
Frances Knight		13 th March	Autumn Markets 22 March 2025
John Brannan	Frances Knight	13 th March	Re: Autumn Markets 22 March 2025
Frances Knight		13 th March	Re: Autumn Markets 22 March 2025
Frances Knight		20 th March	Re: Autumn Markets 22 March 2025
John Brannan	Tara Cheyne	22 nd March	Friends of the Pinnacle AGM
Neha Rajbanshi	John Brannan	23 rd March	Re: Friends of the Pinnacle AGM
John Brannan	Naomi Treloar	27 th March	Re: Friends of the Pinnacle AGM
John Brannan	Naomi Treloar	28 th March	Re: Friends of the Pinnacle AGM
John Brannan	Zoe Ramshaw	3 rd April	Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar
Zoe Ramshaw	John Brannan	3 rd April	Re: Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar
Elyssa Castles		7 th April	Site visits

John Brannan	Patricia Duffy	22 nd April	Weetangera Primary School forms for AGM
John Brannan	Zoe Ramshaw	1 st May	Re: Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar — postponed
Zoe Ranshaw	John Brannan	2 nd May	Re: Pinnacle bird walk entry for the events calendar — postponed

Frances Knight: Convenor, Hawker Community Landcare

Colette Patterson: Project Officer, ANU Intrepid Landcare

Thomas Brereton: Prospective fotpin

Rosalia Hughes: President, ANU Intrepid Landcare

Michael Doherty: Ecologist

Gill Whiting: ACT Environmental Grants Coordinator, EPSDD

Zoe Ramshaw: Communications Officer, Landcare ACT

Tara Cheyne: Member of the Legislative Assembly

Neha Rajbanshi: Office Manager & Advisor, Jo Clay Member of the Legislative Assembly

Naomi Treloar: Office Manager & Advisor, Tara Cheyne, Member of the Legislative Assembly

Elyssa Castles: Communications Officer; Molonglo Conservation Group

Patricia Duffy: Weetangera Primary School