



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Sunday 19th May 2019 1-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Chair), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Margo Hellyer, Len Taylor, Alana Wilkes.

1. **Apologies**

nil

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 4th March 2019 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting.

Agreed.

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

20161205: Item 11 (e)

i. Social Media:

Action: John to develop new sign-on sheet to enable people to authorise the use of their images on Facebook and Web pages.

John has decided that a verbal check by the walk guide at the beginning of the walk is a better way to proceed and has implemented that procedure for recent walks.

Completed

ii. Member Survey

Action: **Warren and Margo** to draft a survey to determine members' communication preferences.

Some progress but still outstanding.

20170306: Item 14 (b) FOMP – Belconnen Hills Strategy

Action: This item cannot be progressed until PCS has finalised its Landscape Classification Assessment.

Action pending.

20190304: Item 10 (a) Proposed changes to the fotpin Management Rules

Action: Warren to prepare the proposal to be put to the AGM to make changes to the Management Rules described above.

Completed

20190304: Item 10 (c) Preparing for global warming

Action: John to ask PCS about their planning for global warming.

Pending: Question has been asked; no response as yet

Action: John to explore inviting a fire ecologist to address the AGM.

Completed

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

Questions arising: The status of the Notice board repair was queried. John said that it was nearing completion but that hazard reduction burns and the kangaroo cull were leaving little time for the Parkcare Ranger to spend on such tasks.

The report was noted.

4. Other Business

- a. Proposed purchase of a Mini Greenhouse for raising microlaena seedlings for revegetation projects (Len)

Len had circulated a proposal ([Attachment B](#)) prior to the meeting for the purchase of a mini greenhouse to ensure that the microlaena seedlings he is raising will survive the winter and be ready for planting in spring. These will be used as part of a trial to revegetate the Weetangera paddock which is still struggling after the hazard reduction burn last year. The cost to fotpin is expected to be \$337.50.

The Committee discussed the proposal and agreed that this was a worthwhile expenditure. It is proposed to use some of the left over grant money (currently being held by Ginninderra Catchment Authority on our behalf) for this purpose.

Action: John to contact GCG to confirm that the grant money is still available and can be used for this purpose under the terms of the grant.

Meeting closed at 1-55 pm.

Warren Bond

Fotpin Secretary

20 May 2019

Attachment A. Summary of Major Items of Correspondence between since March meeting

Date	Correspondents [†]	Topic	Summary content
4 th , 30 th Mar; 6 th Apr	Various (John Brannan)	Hawker Primary School Fete	Arrangements
5 th Mar	Ian Rayner, Greening Australia, Pinnacle Ranger** (John Brannan)	Bottom Pinnacle Planting	Plants selected
5 th , 6 th , 9 th , 20 th , 26 th , 27 th Mar, 15 th , 17 th Apr	ParkCare Ranger * (John Brannan)	Bottom Pinnacle Planting	Augering holes, water cube
6 th Mar	Alison McLeod ****	Minutes of ParkCare Coordinators meeting Draft training and event calendar for 2019	
11 th Mar	Andrew Zelnik Friends of Grasslands	Small Grants 2019	to support projects that promote investment in the understanding and management of grassy ecosystems
12 th Mar	Karissa Preuss. GCG	Next GCG Meeting, 1 st April	
14 th Mar	ParkCare Ranger * (John Brannan)	Track repair	
19 th Mar	Bernie Bugden, GCG	Opportunity to comment	Draft Report on a Framework for a Natural Resource Management Strategy for the ACT
	Alison McLeod ****	PCS Climate Change Policy	Request for information
20 th Mar	Alison McLeod ****	ACT Environment Grants	Applications now open
20 th , 21 st , 24 th , 25 th	ParkCare Ranger * Lexi Williams *****, John Fitz Gerald (John Brannan)	Proposed environmental burn in the Pinnacle Extension	Request for comment and response
21 st Mar	Alison McLeod ****	First Aid Training	
25 th Mar	ParkCare Ranger * (John Brannan)	Repair of Noticeboard	
	Alison McLeod ****	Biosecurity Emergency Response Volunteers	Request for assistance
26 th Mar	Suzi Bond (John Brannan)	Coconut ants	Report of new finding
	Karissa Preuss. GCG	Nature in the City Inquiry	Invitation to attend
27 th Mar	NorthSide Senior Ranger*** (Warren Bond)	Pipeline Contractors	Report of trafficking outside pipeline corridor
29 th Mar	Alison McLeod ****	Volunteer Hours/ First Aid Training/ Volunteer Awards	
31 st Mar	Pinnacle Ranger**	African Feathergrass Alert	

6 th Apr	ParkCare Ranger * (John Brannan)	AGM Guest Speaker	Request for suggestions of a suitable speaker from the Fire Management Unit
8 th , 10 th Apr	Alison McLeod ****	Volunteer Convenor Training	
9 th Apr	Alison McLeod ****	Woodlands Strategy	Draft ACT Native Woodland Conservation Strategy available for community comment until 24 th May
15 th Apr	Sarah Hnatiuk, Friends of Mt. Painter	Cobblers Peg	Asking if we have any on the Pinnacle
	Karissa Preuss. GCG	Ginninderra Creek Restoration	Request to sign a petition to support it
17 th , 18 th Apr	Alison McLeod **** ParkCare Ranger * (John Brannan)	Printing and laminating Events posters	
18 th , 29 th , 30 th Apr	Ian Rayner, Greening Australia, (John Brannan, Len Taylor)	Plants, pots and potting mix	Plants for Bottom Pinnacle; pots and potting mix for Len's Microlaena
23 rd Apr	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Call for contributions
24 th Apr	Vera Kurz, Tuggeranong Hill group (John Brannan)	Exclosure advice	Request
1 st May	Ann Milligan, GCG	Ginninderra Catchment Group Newsletter	Now available
6 th – 13 th May	ParkCare Ranger * Michael Mulvaney (John Brannan)	Suggestions for AGM Guest speaker	
8 th May	ParkCare Ranger *	Kangaroo Cull 2019	Notification of Reserve closures
	Alison McLeod ****	ParkCare Convenor's Meeting	Notification for 15 th May meeting
	Alison McLeod ****	ParkCare volunteer breakfast	Invitation (20 th May, 8am to 10am)
9 th May	ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development	ACT Conservation Council's World Environment Day dinner	Offer of a sponsored ticket to each ParkCare Group
10 th May	Alison McLeod ****	Potential Prescribed Burns next week	Notification (includes Environmental Burn in the Pinnacle Extension)
	Karissa Preuss. GCG	Ginninderra Creek Restoration	Notification that Ginninderra Catchment has been chosen as a priority site as part of Labor's focus on Urban Waterways
12 th , 17 th May	Daniel Steenbergen (Wodens) Warren Bond	Molonglo Watermain	Request for and receipt of update on progress
13 th May	ParkCare Ranger *	ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan	Call for public submissions
	ParkCare Ranger *	Native Woodland Conservation Strategy	Open for submissions

† for correspondence originating from fotpin, the correspondent is indicated in ()

* ParkCare Ranger: Marty Bajt

** Pinnacle Ranger: Michelle Nairn

*** NorthSide Senior Ranger: Andrew Halley

**** Volunteer Programs Manager: Alison McLeod

***** Offsets Ranger

GCG: Gininderra Catchment Group

Attachment B. Proposal for purchase of mini-greenhouse

When I had a talk with Jen at Greening Australia she was uncertain whether my *Microlaena* seedlings would survive if left in the garden. I cannot purchase a cheap PE sheet greenhouse that will accommodate all the plants and go against my back garage wall. So I have investigate greenhouses and think that it could be worth FOTPIN purchasing one. I think that we should purchase one for the following reasons:-

- a) To ensure that all these 250 *Microlaena* seedlings are ready for planting this Spring.
- b) So that we can continue to germinate and grow about 250 ground cover plants the following years. There are a couple of areas in the Pinnacle that we gone to a lot of effort to get rid of a weed only to have it replaced by another and in one place to then get rid of that weed to have it replaced by several different weeds. This very disappointing and all because of the lack of native grasses and forbes in those areas. There is a lot of the reserve where this is probably occurring we just do not take note of it. If we purchase a greenhouse I am prepared to try to grow 250 grasses and year and Jean is prepared to help water the plants when planted. This should be a small start of the grass restoration in our weed management plan. However, because this is restoration it may attract some other people because it appeals to them more than weeding does.

It seems that:-

- polyethylene film has an R value of 0.83 and will last 2 to 3 years.
- 4mm twin wall polycarbonate has an R value of 1.43
- 6mm twin wall polycarbonate has an R value of 1.54
- 8mm twin wall polycarbonate has an R value of 1.69

The lifetime of polycarbonate depends on whether it is made from raw or recycled polycarbonate and also if it has a UV coating. The greenhouse I have chosen for value is made with 4mm twin wall, raw polycarbonate which is guaranteed for 5 years although by phone they said that it lasted much longer.

I would like to propose FOTPIN buying a Mini Grow Grande shelved \$325 -

<https://www.growfreshgreenhouses.com.au/greenhouses/mini/grande.html> If we can get all 250 plants to good size for early Spring that must go a fair way to paying off this greenhouse. Delivery is \$45 but they did offer 10% discount for a volunteer organisation, which is \$337.50 according to my calculation. The shelved version is necessary to take the tube trays.

It is possible to by replacement polycarbonate panels if they deteriorate -

<https://www.growfreshgreenhouses.com.au/1500x750mm.html>

The size is just acceptable for the rear of the garage in the Winter. It looks like it is easily transportable so could be moved elsewhere and pegged down in the hotter months. I would fit a wooden floor and put a load of house bricks in the floor to hold it down and to retain some heat with their thermal mass. It would also be a good idea to thermally isolate the greenhouse from the concrete path by putting expanded polystyrene under the floor. Can probably salvage that from vegetable boxes from the Belconnen markets.

We do need to order it quickly before the hard frosts come.

Len Taylor
8 May, 2019