



## Coordinating Committee Meeting

Sunday 19th May 2024 1:30 pm

### Minutes

#### Present:

**In person:** John Brannan (Convenor), Anne Aisbett, Len Taylor, Alana Wilkes.

**On-line:** Warren Bond.

**Apologies:** Denise Hall.

#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting / Business Arising

It was moved by John Brannan and seconded by Len Taylor that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 6th February 2024 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:

##### 20240206: Item 4 Convenor's Report

**Action Item:** John to discuss scrapping of the fenced revegetation plots with John Fitz Gerald.

**Completed.**

##### 20240206: Item 5 Interpretive Signage

**Action Item:** John to meet with Warren and Julian to discuss the location of the Weetangera entrance sign.

**Completed.**

**Action Item:** John to email Claire and Lauren re guidelines they agreed to provide to us.

**Completed.**

##### 20240206: Item 6 Treasurer's Report

**Action Item:** John to discuss removing the unused exclosures with Julian.

**Completed.** The more distant exclosures will be progressively removed.

**Action Item:** John to request Kat McGilp to take no further action regarding the grant for the Molonglo Watermain Corridor vegetation management.

**Completed.**

Carried over from past meetings:

##### 20231107: Item 4 Convenor's report

**Action:** John to follow up on the outcome of the Offset Strategy Review.

**Completed.** These were included in the ACT State of the Environment Report 2023.

**20231107: Item 5 Interpretive signage**

**Action:** Warren to complete the QR codes for the signs.

**In progress.** To be completed as the signs near completion.

**20231107: Item 10 Events program**

**Action Item:** John to follow up with Sally Holliday re a Wellbeing Walk.

**In progress.** Included in the Convenor's Report for the AGM.

**20230206: Item 5 Treasurer's Report**

**Action:** Mike to clarify process for spending grant monies with GCG, then circulate the agreed process to the fotpin CC for approval.

**In progress.** Mike contacted the GCG and circulated a draft process description; John will follow up.

**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.

**6. Membership Report**

Warren reported that our current membership remains at 110. The number of people who have requested to be on the email lists decreased by 2 to 239, making the total number of people on the lists 349.

**7. Weed Management**

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (February to April) was 273 hours (28% of which was in the Weetangera paddock). This total was about the same as these 3 months last season and 9% less than average for these three months for the previous 13 seasons.

The largest proportion of effort (22%) was spent on Woody weeds (not including Briars and Blackberries). This was followed by St. John's Wort (20%) and Miscellaneous broadleaf weeds (19%, largely in Weetangera paddock). A distant 4th was Thistles (10%).

A summary of weed control [effort for the first nine months of the 2023-2024 season](#) is available on the website.

**8. Information and Outreach**

**a. Website**

The new website is almost ready for launch and will be online by the time the signs are installed if not before. The main change is to make the backbone of the site "small screen friendly",

otherwise known as “responsive design”. While it is difficult to convert all the older pages to this format, the most frequently used pages have been converted along with as many of the others as possible. The changes also update the pages to the most recent coding standards that are accessible to all web browsers.

The number of unique visitors in the last 3 months (February to April) has averaged 204/month, a small increase on the previous 3 months, a 13% increase on the same 3 months last year and equal to the long-term average.

“Recent weeding” (135 views by 11 users) was the most sought after page on our site in this period, followed by “Newsletters” (79 views by 67 users),

#### **b. Social Media**

The fotpin Facebook/Meta page has 541 followers, and the Instagram account has 156 followers.

### **9. Events Program**

There was some discussion of the Spring program. John suggested some bird, wildflower, and tree walks, and the wellness program walks mentioned in the Convenor’s report. There was discussion of some developing a family friendly walk, ideally to tie in with fotpin appearances at events such as the school fetes. Alana suggested cross posting the Canberra Bushwalking Club posts where relevant.

**Action Item:** John to contact Nola and Wendy regarding the proposed Women in Nature walk.

**Action Item:** Alana to look at Canberra Bushwalking Club walks.

### **10. Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Report ([Attachment B](#))**

Len had circulated his report before the meeting.

### **11. Other Business**

#### **(a) Biodiversity report.**

Our count of total native species count currently stands at 1029, an increase of 25 in the last 3 months. The number of native plant species is currently 270 (an increase of 1 in the last 3 months).

The Pinnacle Nature Reserve Species Richness Score (SRS) on NatureMapr still ranks 5th of the Canberra Nature Reserves, having increased 6% this year.

### **12. Proposed date for next meeting.**

To be confirmed by the new committee.

**Meeting closed:** at 1.55 pm.

Anne Aisbett  
Fotpin Secretary  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Attachment A****Major items of correspondence since February 2024 Meeting****ParkCare**

<b>From</b>	<b>To (if specific)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Allan McLean		31 <sup>st</sup> January	ParkCare annual report 2022-23
Lauren McQueen		1 <sup>st</sup> February	Safety Alert: Toxic Weed Incursion
Lauren McQueen		8 <sup>th</sup> February	Australian Government: Seeking Members for Nature Repair Committee
John Brannan	Angela Pusey	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Replacement 200 key
Angela Pusey	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Replacement 200 key
Lauren McQueen		15 <sup>th</sup> February	2024/25 ACT Environmental Grants Launched
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Obligations re volunteer
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Obligations re volunteer
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Obligations re volunteer
Lauren McQueen		26 <sup>th</sup> February	2023/2024 Landcare Awards: Nominations Closing Soon
Lauren McQueen		29 <sup>th</sup> February	Convenor Meeting Minutes - November 2023
Lauren McQueen		14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parks and Conservation Service: Upcoming Trail Work
Lauren McQueen		4 <sup>th</sup> April	ParkCare Convenor Meetings - Agenda
Lauren McQueen		5 <sup>th</sup> April	ParkCare Branding Feedback Session
Lauren McQueen		8 <sup>th</sup> April	ACT Environmental Volunteers Knowledge Building Workshops
Lauren McQueen		10 <sup>th</sup> April	Invitation: ParkCare Branding Feedback Session
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	12 <sup>th</sup> April	PL insurance cover note for AGM
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: insurance note
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: insurance note
Lauren McQueen		15 <sup>th</sup> April	Convenor Meeting Minutes & Update
Tenzin Phuntsho		17 <sup>th</sup> April	All Convenor Meeting, 5th June 2024
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Mel Snape's contact details for AGM
Mary Bonet		19 <sup>th</sup> April	Invasive Plants Working Group Meeting Updates
Marty Bajt		29 <sup>th</sup> April	Parks and Reserves closed for vertebrate pest control program

Mary Bonet		2 <sup>nd</sup> May	2024 National Volunteer Week - Get Involved!
Mary Bonet		2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Diversity and Inclusion Training
Mary Bonet		9 <sup>th</sup> May	National Volunteer Week- ParkCare BBQ

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Allan McClean: Volunteer Programs Manager, Parks and Partnerships, EPSDD

Angela Pusey: EPSDD

Tenzin Phuntsho: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Mary Bonet: Acting Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

### PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Warren Bond	Julian Lolicato	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Fotpin's old exclosures
Warren Bond	Marty Bajt	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Fotpin chemical supplies
Julian Lolicato	Warren Bond	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: fotpin's old exclosures
Warren Bond	Julian Lolicato	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: fotpin's old exclosures
John Brannan	Julian Lolicato	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: fotpin's old exclosures
Warren Bond	Julian Lolicato	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Mud brick making at the Pinnacle
Patrick Harvey	Warren Bond	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Mud brick making at the Pinnacle
Warren Bond	Patrick Harvey	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Mud brick making at the Pinnacle
John Brannan	Julian Lolicato	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Themeda bales for the pipeline corridor reveg
John Brannan	Julian Lolicato	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tree down in De Salis St carpark
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Display board for March 16th
Julian Lolicato	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: tree down
Julian Lolicato	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Themeda bales
Taylah Kelly	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Display board
Julian Lolicato	John Brannan; Warren Bond	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Contact details for concerns in Nature Reserves
John Brannan	Ren Webb; Patrick Harvey	18 <sup>th</sup> April	New district ranger at AGM?
John Brannan	Wade Young	18 <sup>th</sup> April	New district ranger at AGM?
Wade Young	John Brannan	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: New district ranger at AGM?
Daniel Parkhurst	John Brannan	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Re: New district ranger at AGM?
John Brannan	Daniel Parkhurst	4 <sup>th</sup> May	Re: New district ranger at AGM?
Warren Bond	Daniel Parkhurst, John Brannan	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Pinnacle background information

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Julian Lolicato: Ranger, Urban Reserves North,

Patrick Harvey: Senior Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Taylah Kelly: Commercial Tourism and Events Officer, EPSDD

Wade Young: Assistant Director, Canberra Nature Park – North, EPSDD

Daniel Parkhurst: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North

### Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp		1 <sup>st</sup> February	Final spots available: Habitat Restoration Weekend Workshop - 10th-11th February
Kathryn McGilp		7 <sup>th</sup> February	Letters of Support from GCG Groups for grant proposal
Kathryn McGilp		20 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: ACT Environment grants 2024/2025 OPEN
Suzanne Richardson		21 <sup>st</sup> February	Please email me your March Landcare/enviro events by Fri 23rd Feb
Kathryn McGilp		27 <sup>th</sup> February	Information Session on Implementing the Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines (BSUD)
Kathryn McGilp		29 <sup>th</sup> February	ACT Nature in the City 2024/2025 OPEN
Kathryn McGilp	John Branan	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Themeda bales drop off
Kathryn McGilp		1 <sup>st</sup> March	Information Session on new ACT Tree Protection Laws
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Themeda bales
Kathryn McGilp		15 <sup>th</sup> March	GCG General Members Meeting - Monday 18th March
Kathryn McGilp		19 <sup>th</sup> March	Information Session on Implementing the Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines (BSUD)
Suzanne Richardson		25 <sup>th</sup> March	Please email me your April Landcare/enviro events by Wednesday
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: April events
Kathryn McGilp		26 <sup>th</sup> March	ACT Environment Grants - Letters of Support
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: ACT Environment Grants - Letters of Support
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Looking for display boards

John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Looking for display boards
Kathryn McGilp		2 <sup>nd</sup> April	TCCS - Find out what's happening this week in your region
Kathryn McGilp		3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Community Connectivity Corridor Plan (Belconnen): Community Input Survey
Kathryn McGilp		8 <sup>th</sup> April	ACT Environmental Volunteers Knowledge Building Workshops
Frogwatch Coordinator		13 <sup>th</sup> April	FrogWatch Autumn update- and call for help with the Green and Golden Bell frog reintroduction project
Suzanne Richardson		19 <sup>th</sup> April	Please email me your May Landcare/enviro events by Thu 25th April
Kathryn McGilp		2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Diversifying Landcare: Working with Roving Groups Training
Suzanne Richardson		3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Call for your landcaring group's yearly update - due 3rd June
GCG Executive Officer		7 <sup>th</sup> May	EOI open - Journeying Ginninderra: Attending to Country - Closes May 27
Kathryn McGilp		10 <sup>th</sup> May	GCG general members Meeting - Monday 13th May
Kathryn McGilp		14 <sup>th</sup> May	Minutes from GCG general members Meeting - Monday 13th May
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Re: Minutes and site visits

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

### Interpretive signs project

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Julian Lolicato	5 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Change of sign location at Springvale gate
Julian Lolicato	John Brannan	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Change of sign location at Springvale gate
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Excavation for PCS sign
John Brannan	Cheree Mostert	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Excavation for PCS sign
John Brannan	Julian Mostert	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Change of sign location at Springvale gate
John Brannan	Claire Conti, Allan McClean,	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Follow up on sign project meeting

	Lauren McQueen		
Claire Conti	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Follow up on sign project meeting
John Brannan	Claire Conti	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Follow up on sign project meeting
John Brannan	Ren Webb, Patrick Harvey	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Issue with sign placement at Springvale Gate
Ren Webb	John Brannan	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Issue with sign placement at Springvale Gate
Claire Conti	John Brannan, Lauren McQueen	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Update on signs project
John Brannan	Claire Conti	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Re: Update on signs project
John Brannan	Liz	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Update on signs project
Cheree Mostert	John Brannan	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Update on signage
Claire Conti	John Brannan	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Quick question re 'You are here' on map
John Brannan	Claire Conti	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Quick question
Claire Conti	John Brannan	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Update and file format question
John Brannan	Claire Conti; Lauren McQueen	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: update
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: update

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD

Cheree Mostert: General Manager, Screenmakers Pty Ltd

Liz: Designer, Screenmakers Pty Ltd

Allan McClean: Volunteer Programs Manager, Parks and Partnerships, EPSDD

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Julian Lolicato: Ranger, Urban Reserves North,

Patrick Harvey: Senior Ranger, Urban Reserves North

### Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Frances Knight		31 <sup>st</sup> January	Hawker Community Garden Autumn market 2024
John Brannan	Frances Knight	31 <sup>st</sup> January	Re: Hawker Community Garden Autumn market 2024
Carmen Truong	John Brannan, Len Taylor	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Potential event in 2024
Frances Knight		8 <sup>th</sup> February	Re: Hawker Community Garden Autumn market 2024
Sam & Teagan		14 <sup>th</sup> February	Canberra Tree Week 2024



Sally Webb	John Brannan	1 <sup>st</sup> March	ANU Intrepid Landcare - 2024 Landcare Award (NextGen) Nomination
John Brannan	Sally Webb	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Landcare nomination and wellbeing walk
Susan Trainor	John Brannan	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Weetangera Primary Fete
John Brannan	Susan Trainor	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Weetangera Primary Fete
Kelsie Suter	fotpin	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Letter from Suzanne Orr MLA re visit
John Brannan	Kelsie Sutor	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Meeting with Suzanne Orr
NatureMapr	John Giacon	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sighting 456224 (Spotted Jezebel) is making an impact!
John Giacon	John Brannan	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: Sighting 456224 (Spotted Jezebel) is making an impact!
Ciara Bowman	John Brannan	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: meeting with Suzanne Orr
John Brannan	Ciara Bowman	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Re: meeting with Suzanne Orr
Landcare		28 <sup>th</sup> March	Win a \$1000 environmental grant – We want to hear from you!
Len Taylor	Greening Australia	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Setting up an account with Greening Australia
Ciara Bowman	John Brannan	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Re: meeting with Suzanne Orr
John Brannan	Ciara Bowman	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Re: meeting with Suzanne Orr
Ciara Bowman	John Brannan	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: meeting with Suzanne Orr
Sally Holliday		22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Diversifying Landcare: Working with Roving Groups Training
John Brannan	Sally Holliday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Re: Roving groups training
Waltraud Pix	John Brannan	4 <sup>th</sup> May	FOG SJW activity
John Brannan	Waltraud Pix	4 <sup>th</sup> May	Re: FOG SJW activity
Jochen Zeil		9 <sup>th</sup> May	Position paper for all Convenor Meeting, 5th June 2024
Linda Beveridge	Jochen Zeil	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Re: Position paper for all Convenor Meeting, 5th June 2024
John Brannan	Jochen Zeil	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Re: Position paper for all Convenor Meeting, 5th June 2024
Linda Roberts	John Brannan, Warren Bond	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Guided walk through Old Weetangera Cemetery and the Pinnacle reserve

Sally Holliday: Program Coordinator — Wellbeing, Landcare ACT

Frances Knight: Convenor, Hawker Community Landcare

Carmen Truong: President, ANU Intrepid Landcare

Sam & Teagan: Urban Treescapes, ACT Government

Sally Webb: Program Coordinator, Landcare ACT

Susan Trainor: Weetangera Fete Coordinator

Kelsie Suter: Advisor, Office of Suzanne Orr MLA, Member for Yerrabi

John Giacon: Convenor, Friends of Emu Creek Landcare Group

Ciara Bowman: Advisor, Office of Suzanne Orr MLA, Member for Yerrabi

Waltraud Pix: Friends of the Grasslands

Jochen Zeil: Convenor, Friends of Mount Majora

Linda Beveridge: Convenor, Friends of Black Mountain

Linda Roberts: Communications, National Trust of Australia (ACT)

## Attachment B

### Weetangera Paddock Ground Cover Revegetation Report

#### Fenced Areas

##### Fenced Site 2.

This fence has been totally removed except for two star pickets which are so stuck in the ground that a post remover tool would not remove them.

The *Microlaena* sown there is well established and generating seeds.

##### Fenced Site 3.

The *Microlaena* sown at this site is progressing reasonably well except where the Yorkshire fog was previously. We have added seven *Rytidosperma caespitosum* tube stock to this area in the hope that it will do better.

This site will require some more weeding of sorrel and Yorkshire fog before it becomes well established.

At the same time as Site 3 was sewn we also sowed *Microlaena* and a few *Austrostipa scabra* seeds on a sloping bare area just to the south of Site 3. At this site *Microlaena* seeds have only come up under small branches laid on contours to protect the seedlings from grazing.

##### Fenced Site 4

This approximately 4m x 4m fence has now been erected with material from Site 2 plus some chicken wire.

This site is upstream in the small drainage area where we have previously successfully established tall sedge, river tussock and *Themeda* from home grown tube stock. Inside the fence we have planted 100 home grown *Themeda* tube stock and two *Lomandra longifolia* tube stock donated by Julian. Although this planting in late February was very late we were lucky with cooler and wetter weather than expected which together with the water retentive soil kept supplementary watering to a

minimum. A further eight *Rytidosperma caespitosum* tube stock have been planted just outside the fence.

This site was planted just a month after the phalaris, paspalum, pigeon grass and Yorkshire fog was poisoned so we are going to add more mulch later on to control these weeds.

#### Other Plantings

Further away from the drainage line of Site 4 we have planted eleven tube stock of *Lomandra longifolia* and a *Themeda* in four separate clumps of three plants. These are all doing well except the leaves are being grazed a bit.

#### Tube Stock Germination.

Because of the likely hood of a hotter drier summer it was intended to grow fewer plants to minimise the amount of watering required to get them established after planting. Thus we will probably only have twenty tube stock each off *Calotis lappulacea*, *Leucochrysum albicans* and *Vittadinia*. These still have to be pricked out put into tubes and grown on.