



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Sunday 21st May 2023 1:30 pm

Minutes

Present:

In person: John Brannan (Convenor), Mike Hall, Anne Aisbett, Denise Hall, Len Taylor.

On-line: Warren Bond.

Apologies: Alana Wilkes.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting / Business Arising

It was moved by Len and seconded by Mike that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 6th February 2023 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

2. Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

Carried over from the last meeting:

20230206: Item 4 Convenor's Report

Action: Mike to email Julian in the GCG for advice on how firm the deadline for spending the watermain corridor revegetation grant money is.

In progress: Mike will contact GCG regarding this and other grant issues.

Action: John to meet with John Fitz Gerald to develop a plan for next steps in the watermain revegetation project.

In progress: John will follow up.

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 is attempting to clarify with GCG.

20230206: Item 9 Events Program

Action: John to contact Hawker Primary School to confirm if/when their fete will be.

In progress: John has contacted them and been informed the fete is likely to be in the Spring, they have yet to decide a date.

Action: Warren to consider developing new walks based on biodiversity and European history in the Reserve.

Completed.

20230206: Item 11 Interpretive signage

Action: John to develop a timeline for this project.

Completed. Also noted that the grant has been extended until December.

20230206: Item 12 Other Business

Action: John to raise the proposed new Territory Plan at the next Convenors' meeting and suggest a joint response from GCG.

In progress: John will follow up with GCG.

Carried over from past meetings:

20221107: Item 11 Other Business

Action: John to contact Wally Bell (Ngunawal elder) and Kat McGilp (GCG) re First Nation's language content on signs.

Completed: John has made contact with Wally through the CGC and is awaiting a response.

20220908: Item 12 Business Arising

Action: John to request PCS to update fotpin brochure on the PCS website.

In progress: John has made the request but has still to check that it has been actioned.

Action: John will ask Lauren to remedy the missing entries on the ParkCare Hub.

In progress: John has made the request but has still to check that it has been actioned.

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 increased by 1 to 109. The number of people who have requested to be on the email lists increased by 2 to 230, making the total number of people on the lists 339.

7. Weed Management

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (February to April) was 282 hours, 8% more than for the same 3 months last season but 19% below average for those three months for the previous 12 seasons. The largest proportion of effort (35%) was spent on Miscellaneous broadleaf weeds (much of it on Fleabane) followed by St. John's Wort (28%), Briars, Blackberries and other Woody weeds (16%), Spear and other thistles (15%) and African lovegrass (4%).

The season has seen outbreaks of blackberries and woody weed seedlings. Efforts to control St John's Wort and Verbasicum have paid off, with lessened intensity of these weeds in the reserve.

A summary of weed control [effort for the first nine months of the 2022-2023 season](#) is available on the website.

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

There have been no significant additions to the website in the last 3 months. The number of unique visitors in the 3 months since February 1st has averaged 182, the long-term average for the last few years and 6% down on the previous 3 months (November—January). Interest in walking pages was nearly double that for the previous 3 months and is 1.3 times the pre-Covid level; most of this increase was in April, a holiday-filled month.

Since the species numbers were tallied for the February Update we have added 7 new native and 21 new native species, including 7 plant species, to bring the total to 914.

b. Social Media

The fotpin Facebook page has 481 followers, and the Instagram account has 141 followers.

9. Events Program

No more events are planned until Spring.

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

Len had circulated his report before the meeting.

11. Interpretive signage.

This was discussed at the AGM under Convenor's Report.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Proposed date for next meeting.

Monday 14th August, to be confirmed by the new committee.

Meeting closed: at 1.55 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
22nd May 2023

Attachment A**Major items of correspondence since February 2023 Meeting****ParkCare**

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Lauren McQueen		9 th February	Limited ParkCare staffing: Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	9 th February	Long-handled hoes for weeding (2)
Lauren McQueen		14 th February	Prescribed burn implementation
Marty Bajt		15 th February	Monitoring bird species across the ACT-Yass region
Lauren McQueen		16 th February	Reminder: Working in the Heat
Martin Bajt		18 th February	2023-2024 ACT Environmental Grants Program
Martin Bajt	John Brannan	18 th February	Re: Long-handled hoes for weeding (2)
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	22 nd February	Re: Long-handled hoes for weeding (2)
Lauren McQueen		24 th February	Convenor Meetings: Next Week - Agenda
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	24 th February	Convenor Meetings: agenda item: New Territory plan
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	24 th February	AGM speaker
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	27 th February	Re: New Territory plan
John Brannan	Martin Bajt	27 th February	Thanks for hoes
Martin Bajt		27 th February	NSW DPI grasses course
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen	27 th February	Re: New Territory plan
Martin Bajt		27 th February	Waterwatch coordinator position available
Martin Bajt		1 st March	Prescribed burns for 02/02/2023
Lauren McQueen		2 nd March	2022 Spring Visitor Experience Survey - Results
Lauren McQueen		2 nd March	Agenda Request: ParkCare Meeting - Tuesday 28 March 2023
Lauren McQueen		3 rd March	Draft Convenor Meeting Minutes - North - Wednesday 1 March 2023
Lauren McQueen		7 th March	Nominations: Invasive Plants Action Group - ParkCare Representative
Lauren McQueen		7 th March	New volunteer
Warren Bond	Lauren McQueen	7 th March	Error on fotpin's Parkcare Opportunity Calendar entry
Lauren McQueen	Warren Bond	7 th March	Re: Error on fotpin's Parkcare Opportunity Calendar entry

Lauren McQueen		14 th March	Nominations: Invasive Plants Action Group — ParkCare Representative
Lauren McQueen		15 th March	Agenda Request: ParkCare Meeting - Tuesday 28 March 2023
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	20 th March	Parkcare uniform order
Lauren McQueen	John Brannan	21 st March	AGM speaker
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen; Rosie Cooney	21 st March	AGM speaker
Lauren McQueen		27 th March	Reminder: All Convenors Meeting tomorrow
John Brannan	Lauren McQueen; Martin Bajt; Kelzang Tshering	27 th March	Erosion around the ParkCare bench on the Pinnacle summit
Lauren McQueen		31 st March	Minutes: All Convenor Meeting - Tuesday 28 March 2023
Lauren McQueen		31 st March	2021-2022 ParkCare Annual Report - High Resolution Version
Lauren McQueen		31 st March	2021-2022 ParkCare Annual Report
Martin Bajt		3 rd April	Prescribed Burn Implementation
Lauren McQueen		4 th April	Prescribed burns: Wednesday 5 April (not the Pinnacle)
Martin Bajt		4 th April	ParkCare Ranger North – Marty will be away
Lauren McQueen		5 th April	Have Your Say: Namadgi National Park Plan of Management
Lauren McQueen		6 th April	Survey: Reserve Management Planning in the ACT
Lauren McQueen		12 th April	2023 National Volunteer Week - Volunteering Symposium
Lauren McQueen		18 th April	Invitation: Reserve Management Plan Review - Consultation Session
Lauren McQueen		18 th April	Prescribed burns: Wednesday 18th April (not the Pinnacle)
Lauren McQueen		18 th April	More Prescribed burns: Wednesday 18th April (not the Pinnacle)
Lauren McQueen		19 th April	FW: Invitation: Reserve Management Plan Review - Consultation Session
Lauren McQueen		20 th April	2022 ParkCare Volunteering Survey Findings
Lauren McQueen		27 th April	ArcGIS Field Maps Training: Wednesday 3 May: Spots Available

Lauren McQueen		28 th April	Invitation: ParkCare Volunteering Thank You Event
Lauren McQueen		4 th May	ParkCare Brochure Update
Lauren McQueen		5 th May	National Volunteer Week
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	9 th May	Upcoming in May: Convenor Meetings and Thank You Morning Tea
Lauren McQueen		12 th May	EOI - World Environment Day Dinner - 3 June 2023
Lauren McQueen		12 th May	Update: ParkCare Thank You Morning Tea - Wednesday 17 May - Including Short Film Screening by Tenzin
Lauren McQueen		15 th May	Welcome to National Volunteer Week

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, EPSDD

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD

Chris Evans: Volunteer and Visitor Experience Team, EPSDD

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Ren Webb	John Brannan; Warren Bond	23 rd February	Rabbit fumigation
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	5 th March	Mountain bike trail
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	5 th March	Permission to Use Sawdust or Wood Mulch
Kelzang Tshering		21 st March	Field Maps Training: Wednesday 22 March 2023
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb	21 st March	Padlock 200 bypassed again at Dungowan St
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	22 nd March	Re: Padlock 200 bypassed again at Dungowan St
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	22 nd March	Re: Padlock 200 bypassed again at Dungowan St
Kelzang Tshering	Warren Bond	22 nd March	Re: Padlock 200 bypassed again at Dungowan St
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	23 rd March	Native Grass Seed Sowing in Weetangera Paddock
Kelzang Tshering	Len Taylor	30 th March	Re: Native Grass Seed Sowing in Weetangera Paddock
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb	30 th March	Please add another authorised vehicle for access to Pinnacle
Ren Webb	John Brannan	31 st March	Re: adding another vehicle

Kelzang Tshering	Fotpin CC	6 th April	Re: Kelzang's future
John Brannan	Kelzang Tshering; Ren Webb	11 th April	Problematic gate at Dungowan St
Ren Webb	John Brannan	12 th April	Re: Problematic gate at Dungowan St
Tenzin Phuntsho		23 rd April	Prescribed Burning in the coming week (not the Pinnacle)
John Brannan	Ren Webb	2 nd May	Dungowan St gate -- Thanks!
Warren Bond	Ren Webb	14 th May	New bike jump on Pinnacle NR in sensitive area
Ren Webb	Warren Bond; John Brannan	15 th May	Re: New bike jump on Pinnacle NR in sensitive area
Julian Lolicato	Warren Bond; John Brannan	15 th May	Re: New bike jump on Pinnacle NR in sensitive area — deconstructed

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

Kelzang Tshering: District Ranger, Belconnen Hills reserves

Ren Webb: Senior ParkCare Ranger, Northside

Tenzin Phuntsho: ParkCare Ranger, EPSDD

Julian Lolicato: Ranger Urban Reserves North

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Kathryn McGilp		16 th February	GCG General Members Meeting (ONLINE and In-Person)
Suzanne Richardson		21 st February	Please email me your March Landcare events by Monday 5pm
Mike Hall	Kathryn McGilp	22 nd February	Request for reimbursement
Kathryn McGilp	Mike Hall	22 nd February	Re: Request for reimbursement
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd March	GCG District Strategy Submissions
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	2 nd March	Re: GCG District Strategy Submissions
Kathryn McGilp		3 rd March	Re: GCG District Strategy Submissions
Kathryn McGilp		3 rd March	Parkcare clothing for volunteers
Kathryn McGilp		8 th March	Re: Parkcare ACT Environment Grants
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	8 th March	Re: Parkcare clothing for volunteers
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	10 th March	Re: Parkcare clothing for volunteers
Kathryn McGilp		13 th March	GCG General Members Meeting - MARCH
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	14 th March	Re: Parkcare clothing for volunteers
Kathryn McGilp		16 th March	Salvaged Poas from Crace PCS
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	16 th March	Fotpin signage — need for requote

John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	16 th March	Re: Fotpin signage — need for requote
GCG	fotpin	16 th March	Fotpin signage discussion meeting invitation
Fiona Spier		16 th March	Parkcare grant for weed control
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	16 th March	Re: Salvaged Poas from Crace PCS
Kathryn McGilp		17 th March	Re: Parkcare clothing for volunteers — new process
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	17 th March	Re: Salvaged Poas from Crace PCS
John Brannan	Fiona Spier	18 th March	Re: Parkcare ACT Environment Grants
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	20 th March	Re: Parkcare ACT Environment Grants
Anke Maria Hoefer		20 th March	FrogWatch update
Len Taylor	Kathryn McGilp	23 rd March	Purchase of Austrostipa scabra seeds
Suzanne Richardson		24 th March	Please email me your April Landcare/enviro events by Monday 5pm
Kathryn McGilp	Len Taylor	24 th March	Re: Purchase of Austrostipa scabra seeds
John Brannan	Fiona Spier	25 th March	Re: Parkcare ACT Environment Grants
John Brannan	Karissa Preuss; Martine Franco; Kathryn McGilp	29 th March	2023 Conference; information sharing in EPSDD
Karissa Preuss	John Brannan; Lauren McQueen; Martine Franco; Kathryn McGilp	30 th March	Re: 2023 Conference; information sharing in EPSDD
Kathryn McGilp		31 st March	Parkcare Weed Control Grant
Kathryn McGilp		31 st March	2023/24 Ginninderry Grants Programs
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	4 th April	Copy of enviro grant application for weed control
GCG events			U3A- Nature Wellbeing Walk with Sally at the Pinnacle 26 April
Kathryn McGilp		6 th April	Re: Copy of enviro grant application for weed control
GCG Comms Officer		21 st April	Please email me your May Landcare/enviro events by Tuesday 5pm
GCG		28 th April	Landcare Events — May 2023
Mike Hall	Kathryn McGilp	29 th April	Re: Status of FOTPIN Grants and Member Funds
Kathryn McGilp	Mike Hall	1 st May	Re: Status of FOTPIN Grants and Member Funds

Mike Hall	Kathryn McGilp	1 st May	Re: Status of FOTPIN Grants and Member Funds
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Kathryn McGilp		1 st May	Save the Date - Connecting Nature, Connecting People program
GCG		1 st May	GCG General Members Meeting
GCG		2 nd May	[Amended] Landcare Events - May 2023
Kathryn McGilp	Mike Hall	5 th May	Re: Status of FOTPIN Grants and Member Funds
Kathryn McGilp		9 th May	You're Invited: Save Lawson Grasslands Community Catch-up
Kathryn McGilp		10 th May	Vassarotti Media Release - Habitat restoration to improve the ACT's biodiversity and conservation; and ArcGIS mapping tool
Kathryn McGilp		12 th May	GCG tickets for Gubur Dhaura Walk with Wally Bell
Kathryn McGilp		15 th May	New GCG Waterwatch Coordinator and Rural Projects Officer
Kathryn McGilp		15 th May	GCG General Members Meeting - Monday 22nd May 4.30p
Kathryn McGilp		16 th May	GCG General Members Meeting

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Karissa Preuss: CEO, ACT Landcare

Fiona Spier: Project Officer, GCG

Anke Maria Hoefer: FrogWatch Coordinator, GCG

Interpretive signs project

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Claire Conti	John Brannan	26 th April	Re: The Pinnacle - FOTPIN interpretive signage – clearance of First Nations content
John Brannan	Claire Conti	26 th April	Re: The Pinnacle - FOTPIN interpretive signage – clearance of First Nations content
Ren Webb	John Brannan	30 th April	Re: Feedback on signage to Aranda Bushland Parkcare Group

John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	30 th April	Re: Feedback on signage to Aranda Bushland Parkcare Group
John Brannan	Sarah Hnatiuk	1 st May	Meeting re Mt Painter panorama sign
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan	2 nd May	Re: Feedback on signage to Aranda Bushland Parkcare Group
John Brannan	Suzanne Richardson	2 nd May	Re: Feedback on signage to Aranda Bushland Parkcare Group
Suzanne Richardson	John Brannan, Alana Wilkes, Anne Aisbett, Kathryn McGilp	11 th May	footpin signs - content for Wally by 19th May

Claire Conti: Visitor Information Manager, EPSDD

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Sarah Hnatiuk: Friends of Mt Painter

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Lisa Elliston	2 nd February	School fete?
John Brannan	Jochen Zeil	8 th February	ParkCare work
Jochen Zeil	John Brannan	8 th February	Re: ParkCare work
Lisa Elliston	John Brannan	24 th February	Re: School fete
Sally Holliday	John Brannan	1 st March	U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
Landcare ACT & The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment		3 rd March	International Women's Day Lunch
John Brannan	Sally Holliday	3 rd March	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
Sally Holliday	John Brannan	9 th March	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
John Brannan	Sally Holliday	10 th March	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
John Brannan	Sally Holliday	14 th March	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
Sally Holliday	John Brannan	15 th March	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
Kat McGilp		22 nd March	U3A Nursery - Nature Wellbeing Walk with Sally — invite
Len Taylor	Native Seeds	22 nd March	Austrostipa scabra seeds

Sally Ennis	Len Taylor	23 rd March	Re: Austrostipa scabra seeds
John Brannan	Rosie Cooney	23 rd March	AGM speaker
Rosie Cooney	John Brannan; Anne Aisbett	27 th March	Re: AGM speaker
Sally Holliday	John Brannan	24 th April	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
John Brannan	Sally Holliday	24 th April	Re: U3A Course and Potential Site Visit/Guided Walk
Peter Cain	Fotpin secretary	9 th May	Acceptance for the AGM
John Brannan	Rosie Cooney	12 th May	Re: AGM speaker
Rosie Cooney	John Brannan	12 th May	Re: AGM speaker
Landcare ACT		15 th May	Wellbeing through Nature for Group Conveners and events calendar

Lisa Elliston: Weetangera School Fete Coordinator

Jochen Zeil: Friends of Mt Majura

Sally Holliday: Program Coordinator — Wellbeing, Landcare ACT

Sally Ennis: Native Seeds

Rosie Cooney: Conservation Research, EPSDD

Peter Cain: Liberal Member for Ginninderra

Attachment B

Ground Cover Revegetation Quarterly Update

Direct Seeding

Fenced Site 3

The spraying of sorrel seedlings (refer February update 2023) was successful and the microlaena seedlings survived. However the sorrel seed bank is obviously much larger than the number of microlaena seeds we introduced, so in April all the gum leaves were removed from the site to uncover and spray all new sorrel seedling. There were areas where our sowing was not as successful as we would have liked, particularly in the area previously covered by Yorkshire fog as the soil there had more clay content and the soil was too wet to work to get the microlaena seeds at the optimum soil depth. To avoid disturbing the soil too much and to enhance conditions for sorrel seeds we made single narrow furrows and sowed the microlaena in these furrows.

The leaves we removed from site were used to put a thick layer of mulch over nearby patches of nearby sorrel outside the fence. Whilst this has proved successful in other areas where we have done this we would still like to know how long it takes to ensure that the rhizomes are killed.

Fenced Site 1

This site has proven to be very difficult to get microlaena to successfully seed. We have found that area not covered by native vegetation is shallow because of underground rocks. With remaining money from the grant for Site 3 we purchased rough spear grass *Austrostipa scabra* seeds. In April some of these were sown in this area.

New Unfenced Site.

Just to the south of Fenced Site 3 there was a gentle slope fairly devoid of vegetation the upper portion of which looked like it was slightly prone to sheet erosion. The soil was hard and dry, we have raked leaves into contoured strips to slow water flow and perhaps get better moisture penetration before we sowed microlaena and a few spear grass seeds.

The site has now been protected with dead branches to protect it from trampling (compressing the soil which makes it harder for seeds to emerge) and grazing when any seedlings emerge, none have emerged to date.

Survey on Planted Forbs

A survey done this week all of the forbs we have planted in separate guards (not in fenced areas) reveals a 77% success rate of survival to date. Success depended upon the area it was planted in with the worst area giving only 64% survival and the best 85% with recruitment in this better area outnumbering failures by over 2 to 1.