



Coordinating Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd November 2021 7-30 pm

Minutes

Present: John Brannan (Convenor), Warren Bond, Denise Hall, Mike Hall, Len Taylor, Anne Aisbett

1. Apologies

Alana Wilkes.

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

It was moved by John and seconded by Warren that the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on 10 August 2021 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting. Agreed.

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

210208: Item 13 AGM

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

In progress

20211008: Item 4 Convenor’s Report:

Action: John to check if the \$12,000 funding from the ACT Government (Major Projects Canberra — MPC) for re-seeding native groundcover vegetation on the upper section of the pipeline has been released.

Completed

Action: John to email the membership regarding the Jamison PCS display and call for volunteers to assist.

Not required. The PCS display was cancelled due to the lockdown.

20211008: Item 10 Molonglo Watermain:

Action: John to send an outline of the story to date to Kym Birgan, one of the senior rangers Northside, to bring her up to date.

Completed

20211008: Item 12 Other Business:

Action: John to approach PCS via Marty for funding for the new brochures.

Completed.

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

Noted. Len requested more information regarding the 1st November email from GCG offering tools for groups to use. John clarified what tools were available, and added that a water trailer may also be purchased. Len suggested requesting a reel for handling fencing wire.

Len also queried whether fotpin was informed of research projects taking place on the Reserve, such as on the controlled release and monitoring of brown snakes. John said that there were many small projects apparently happening that we were not made aware of.

Action: Len to contact Marty or the Northside Ranger regarding use of a reel for handing fencing wire.

Business arising (other than that to be dealt with under other items):

None.

4. **Convenor's Report** ([Attachment B](#))

John had previously circulated his report. The main topics included:

- The cancellation of all but one of the Spring events scheduled. One bird walk was held.
- Molongolo pipeline update, including the planting day scheduled on the coming weekend for the top end of the pipeline. Two volunteers from Soroptimist International, who provided funding for some of the tube stock, will attend the planting day. Denise and Mike offered to loan a pop-up pergola for use on the day.
- Parkcare news, including: the new occupant of the Volunteer Programs Manager position; funding for a second ParkCare Ranger; the promise from the ACT Government to secure funding for local catchment groups for the next five years; and John's first attendance at the Landcare ACT Members Council.

John reported verbally on another item not included in the report:

John and John Fitz Gerald conducted Vegwatch vegetation structure and species diversity surveys on the Kama and Molonglo pipeline plots. They have decided to discontinue monitoring of the relatively recently established pipeline Vegwatch-style plot because there was very little evidence of native plants there and is not likely to improve in the near future.

Report noted. John will send an update to fotpin members including these and other issues.

5. **Treasurer's Report** ([Attachment C](#))

Mike had previously circulated the report for the period 08 August 2021 to 19 November 2021. Warren moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; seconded John; Agreed.

6. **Membership Report**

Warren had previously circulated his report. He reported that our current membership is 106, an increase of one since the last meeting. The number of other people who have requested to be on the email lists increased by three to 210, making the total number of people on the email lists at 316.

7. **Weed Management**

Warren had previously circulated his report. Weeding effort in the last 3 months (August to October) has been limited by lockdown rules rather than the quantity of weeds, and was only 92 hours, the smallest ever for these 3 months. 30% of this effort was spent in the Weetangera paddock and the rest (all but half an hour) in the rest of the Reserve. The main weed dealt with was Verbascum (46 h; 50% of effort); efforts are now being on St. John's Wort.

The summary of [weed control effort for the 2020-2021 season](#) has been added to the website along with the related [annual update on briar numbers](#) which showed the pleasing result that the average density of briars across the Reserve is now one per ha., compared with 44 per ha. when serious briar control began in 2011-12.

8. Information and Outreach

a. Website

Warren had previously circulated his report. A few additions have been made to the website, apart from the regular updates. These include links to the [historical aerial photo-maps](#), which show the large extent of revegetation in the Reserve, and adding/updating the weeding pages.

More progress has been made on migrating the website to mobile-friendly, with nearly 50% of non-weed-related pages migrated. The mobile-friendly version of the website (apart from the weed-related pages) should be completed by the next meeting.

The number of unique visitors in the 3 months since August 1st has averaged 275 per month, 66% more than the previous 3-month period and 6% more than the corresponding period last year. Interest in walking pages was elevated to the same level as during the 2020 lockdown (more than 5 times the pre-Covid level) and remained at those levels for the whole 3 months. This accounts for more than the difference between the number of unique views during the last 3 months compared with the average number of unique views per 3 months since the inception of the website. Views of these pages are projected to return to June/July levels for November.

“Walking Tracks” (225 unique views) was the most sought-after page on our site in that period, followed by the mobile-friendly track map page (120 unique views), “About the Pinnacle” (102 unique views), “Newsletters” (97 unique views), “Plants of the Pinnacle” (97 unique views), the “Flora & Fauna” page (56 unique views) and the “Walking home page” (54 unique views).

b. Social Media

Denise reported that we now have 304 likes on the facebook page and 107 followers on Instagram.

9. Events Program

John provided a report of the Spring events in his Convenor’s Report. There are no events planned for the next three months. The program for Autumn will be decided at the next meeting.

10. Molonglo Watermain Revegetation

Area 2 (4-ways to Bottom Pinnacle)

As outlined in the [Convenor’s report](#), there have been several meetings with the new contractors, Glascott, and the ACT Government representative. John Fitz Gerald has provided input on how to proceed into these meetings, and this has been well received. John reported that he has been assured that any native seed left over from the revegetation effort will be made available to fotpin. On site meetings will continue every fortnight for the rest of the year.

Area 1 (Tank compound to 4-ways)

This area is fotpin’s responsibility. The only plan for this so far is the shrub and tree planting near the compound.

There was some discussion about what else we will do including weed control and seeding using the money recently obtained for this purpose.

Action: John to discuss with John Fitz Gerald plans for Area 1 including seeding and weed control

11. Groundcover Revegetation Project Report ([Attachment D](#))

Len had circulated his report before the meeting. A map of locations referred to in the report was also tabled. He noted that the replacement of the fence at Site 2 is not yet completed, as there have been problems with handling the fencing wire and the post holes for wire mesh fences need to be deeper than for the plastic fence. There was some discussion around the virtues of themeda as a colonizing plant, with Len expressing some doubts about its use in this regard. After the meeting, Len clarified that his August report incorrectly reported planting in sites 1 and 3. This should have been sites 2 and 3.

Len noted that students from St Francis Xavier college will not be participating any more this year.

12. Other Business

(a) Use of exclosures

One exclosure will be used by John Fitz Gerald to raise native grasses/forbs.

(b) New brochures

John reported that funding is available from PCS, and that the GCG also have funds available for printing brochures.

Action: John to draft new brochures and forward to PCS.

(c) Proposal for Interpretive signage

PCS have not yet provided guidelines on how these should be designed or placed.

Action: John to request design specifications and other guidance on interpretive signs from PCS, and information on any plans that they have for signage.

(d) Naming of the “extension” paddock

There was some discussion about possible names, and whether the fotpin membership should be involved in the selection of a name. The meeting agreed that “Kama Link Paddock” is a suitable name, as it highlights both the location and the function of the paddock as a link to the Kama Nature Reserve.

Action: Warren will update the name on the map to “Kama Link Paddock”.

13. Proposed date for next meeting.

The suggested date is Monday 7th February 2022, venue to be decided.

Meeting closed at 9-15 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
5 December 2021

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

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Karen Williams		10 th August	Convenor Annual Planning Meetings Postponed
Chris Evans		10 th August	Call for feedback on Vegwatch program
John Brannan	Chris Evans	11 th August	Receipt for SI tree donation purchase
Chris Evans		11 th August	New volunteer opportunities
Chris Evans	John Brannan	11 th August	Acknowledgement of receipt
Karen Williams		12 th August	ParkCare volunteering Covid update
Chris Evans	John Brannan	13 th August	Planting day for SI tree donation
John Brannan	Chris Evans	13 th August	Re: Planting day for SI tree donation
Chris Evans	John Brannan	14 th August	Re SI tree donations
Marty Bajt		17 th August	WHS guidance re mandatory mask wearing
Marty Bajt		18 th August	Annual Planning template
Karen Williams		18 th August	Update from ParkCare management team
Marty Bajt		25 th August	Job with Southern ACT Catchment Group
Karen Williams		26 th August	Annual planning update
John Brannan	Karen Williams	30 th August	Re: Annual planning update
Karen Williams		30 th August	Climate Wise Garden Designs booklet
Stuart Jeffress		2 nd September	Covid-19 update for ParkCare volunteers
Warren Bond		2 nd September	Pinnacle Annual Planning Meeting Equestrian Follow-up
Marty Bajt		6 th September	New Florabank website
Michelle Ralph		10 th September	Landscape Improvement Plan for CNP North Reserves
Marty Bajt		13 th September	Reporting Procedures
Marty Bajt	John Brannan; Warren Bond	14 th September	FB828 Pinnacle Burn Map (A30322615)
Marty Bajt		14 th September	Webinar series: Valuing ecological assets "bushfire management investment balance"
Michelle Ralph		15 th September	Re: Landscape Improvement Plan for CNP North Reserves
Marty Bajt		17 th September	Bushfire Conference Invitation
Michelle Ralph	John Brannan	17 th September	Woodland Bird Habitat Pinnacle Burn
John Brannan	Michelle Ralph	17 th September	Re: Woodland Bird Habitat Pinnacle Burn
John Brannan		17 th September	Covid bounty
Karen Williams		21 st September	ParkCare program update

Karen Williams		22 nd September	Annual planning update
John Brannan	Karen Williams; Marty Bajt	23 rd September	Breaking news! – briar rose reduction
John Brannan		23 rd September	Briars at the Pinnacle
John Williams	Chris Evans	24 th September	Re: SI Tree donation update
Marty Bajt		27 th September	Managing Extreme Wildfires
John Brannan	Marty Bajt	27 th September	Re: FB828 Pinnacle Burn Map (A30322615)
Marty Bajt		28 th September	Re: Managing Extreme Wildfires
Toss Gascoigne		28 th September	SERA: National standards for the practice of ecological restoration in Australia
Marty Bajt		29 th September	Restoring Native Grasslands
Marty Bajt		1 st October	Briar Roses at Pinnacle N/R
Marty Bajt		2 nd October	Gift book
Marty Bajt		2 nd October	Lockdown Weed Control
Warren Bond	Marty Bajt	4 th October	RE: Lockdown Weed Control
Chris Evans		5 th October	RE: SI Tree donation update
Marty Bajt		6 th October	Volunteers Returning
Len Taylor	Marty Bajt	8 th October	Re: Water Cube for Springvale Track
Marty Bajt	Len Taylor	11 th October	Re: Water Cube for Springvale Track
Marty Bajt		12 th October	Weed Operation Plans
John Brannan	Karen Williams	13 th October	First Aid training
Marty Bajt		13 th October	Event on Public Land Application
Karen Williams		14 th October	ParkCare program update
Marty Bajt		17 th October	How to set up and map with the Field Maps app
Marty Bajt		17 th October	Update — appointment of Volunteer Programs Manager
Mike Sim		17 th October	Field Maps; Northside minutes location; Volunteer Policy Manual location; weed priorities
Marty Bajt		18 th October	Collector app replaced by Field Map app
John Brannan	Mike Sim	19 th October	Weed priorities
John Brannan	Julia Raine	19 th October	Herbicide Guide
Marty Bajt		20 th October	ParkCare QR Codes
Waltraud Pix		24 th October	Online Weed forum
Marty Bajt		26 th October	Prescribed Burn Implementation
Chris Evans		1 st November	Ranger Assist returning
Warren Bond	Marty Bajt	1 st November	Chemicals for Friends of The Pinnacle
Marty Bajt		2 nd November	First Aid Kits

John Brannan	Marty Bajt	4 th November	Re: Wire and water cube
John Brannan	Chis Evans	10 th November	RE: SI Tree donation update
Marty Bajt		11 th November	AQF3 Chemical Accreditation Training
Marty Bajt	Warren Bond	11 th November	Re: Chemicals for Friends of The Pinnacle
Marty Bajt		13 th November	Quarterly Convenor Meeting
Parkcare		18 th November	Grassing the Bare Patches paddock walk and Indian Myna bird webinar
John Brannan	Marty Bajt; Chis Evans	19 th November	Re: SI Tree donation update —tree planting

Karen Williams: A/Volunteer Programs Manager

Marty Bajt: ParkCare Ranger:

Chris Evans: RangerAssist Coordinator

Stuart Jeffress: Senior Director — Parks and Partnerships, PCS

Michelle Ralph (Née Nairn): A/Ranger in Charge, Canberra Nature Park – North

Toss Gascoigne: Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, ANU

Julia Raine: Friends of Mulligans Flat

Waltraud Pix: Friends of Mt Majura

Mike Sim: Convenor Isaacs Ridge Mount Mugga Mugga ParkCare group

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Kym Birgan	12 th August	Summary of Weetangera revegetation saga to date
John Brannan	Kym Birgan; Kelzang Tshering	17 th August	Proposed deletion of WHD access to Pinnacle offset
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	17 th August	Internal park gates
Kelzang Tshering	Len Taylor	18 th August	Re: Internal Park Gates
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	19 th August	Re: Internal Park Gates
Len Taylor	Kelzang Tshering	27 th August	Planting in Weetangera Paddock
Warren Bond	Kelzang Tshering	19 th November	Locks, St. John's Wort and History

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

Kelzang Tshering: District Ranger, Belconnen Hills reserves

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	11 th August	Questions re proposed agreement with the Friends of the Pinnacle
Kathryn McGilp		13 th August	Covid lockdown
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	15 th August	Re: Proposed agreement with the Friends of the Pinnacle
Kathryn McGilp		23 rd August	Re: GCG submission on William Hovell Drive extension
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	24 th August	Funds held with GCG on behalf of the Friends of the Pinnacle Group
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp; Mike Hall	24 th August	Re: Funds held with GCG on behalf of the Friends of the Pinnacle Group
Mike Hall	Kathryn McGilp; John Brannan	24 th August	Re: Funds held with GCG on behalf of the Friends of the Pinnacle Group
Kathryn McGilp		27 th August	GCG General Members Meeting POSTPONED — Monday 13th Sept
GCG Landcare		30 th August	GCG General Meeting September
Kathryn McGilp		1 st September	Member Group Numbers
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	1 st September	Re: Member Group Numbers
Kathryn McGilp		13 th September	All Groups Meeting — Sept 13th
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	16 th September	FOTPIN Reveg Project funds
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	16 th September	RE: FOTPIN Reveg Project funds
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	24 th September	RE: FOTPIN Reveg Project funds
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	27 th September	Re: FOTPIN Reveg Project funds
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	1st October	Re: FOTPIN Reveg Project funds
Kathryn McGilp		1st October	Second ParkCare Ranger
GCG Landcare		11 th October	GCG General Meeting
Kathryn McGilp		14 th October	Landcare works after Lockdown
Kathryn McGilp		28 th October	Landcare ACT's Weeds Forum
Kathryn McGilp		1 st November	Native plants for groups
Kathryn McGilp		1 st November	Tools for groups
John Brannan	Kathryn McGilp	1 st November	Re: Tools for groups
GCG Landcare		2 nd November	GCG General Meeting
Kathryn McGilp		2 nd November	Collector ArcGIS — Weed Mapping Training

Kathryn McGilp		3 rd November	Group flyers
Kathryn McGilp	John Brannan	3 rd November	Native plants for groups
Kathryn McGilp		3 rd November	GCG General Members meeting Monday 8 th November and minutes of previous meeting
GCG Landcare		8 th November	GCG meeting update
Kathryn McGilp		10 th November	William Hovell Drive upgrade – community consultation
Kathryn McGilp		16 th November	A flora list of all indigenous species likely to be found in grasslands and woodland in Canberra
Anke Maria Hofer		19 th November	FrogWatch update and invitation to the GCG/FrogWatch Birthday party extravaganza
Kathryn McGilp		19 th November	Native Plants for Groups
GCG Landcare		20 th November	GCG AGM 2021 (online)

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Anke Maria Hofer: ACT Regional FrogWatch Coordinator, GCG

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	10 th August	Weetangera revegetation
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan	11 th August	Cancellation of Weetangera pipeline meeting
Linda Beveridge		27 th August	Joint Parkcare Display at Jamison Centre — CANCELLED
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	27 th August	Re: Joint Parkcare Display at Jamison Centre — CANCELLED
John Brannan	Customer Service, EPSD	1 st September	Public submission for EIS No. 202000014
Stephanie Booker		8 th September	William Hovell Drive Duplication
Benjamin Huttner-Koros		10 th September	Extension of public consultation period for William Hovell Drive Duplication
Linda Beveridge		11 th September	ParkCare activities
John Brannan	Linda Beveridge	11 th September	Re: ParkCare activities
Madeleine Gisz on behalf of Helen Oakey		11 th September	Biodiversity Month: campaign to Save Lawson Grasslands
Kelli Singer & Kate Harvey-Sutton	John Brannan	12 th September	Cancellation of Weetangera Fete
John Brannan	Kelli Singer & Kate Harvey-Sutton	13 th September	Re: Cancellation of Weetangera Fete
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan, Warren Bond	13 th September	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	13 th September	Re: Weetangera pipeline
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	15 th September	Re: Weetangera pipeline— access for heavy vehicles
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	15 th September	Re: Weetangera pipeline — seed mix
Tim Berriman	John Brannan	15 th September	Re: Weetangera pipeline — seed mix
John Brannan	Tim Berriman	15 th September	Re: Weetangera pipeline — seed mix
Karissa Preuss		24 th September	Landcare ACT Members Council
John Brannan	Karissa Preuss	24 th September	Re: Landcare ACT Members Council

John Brannan	Reiner Rehwinkel	26 th September	Revegetation project at the Pinnacle
Karissa Preuss	John Brannan	6 th October	Re: Landcare ACT Members Council
Stuart Oxborrow		19 th October	Update on Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation
Michelle Ralph		25 th October	RE: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	25 th October	Queries/suggestions re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation
Stuart Oxborrow	John Brannan	26 th October	Responses to queries re Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation
Stuart Oxborrow		2 nd November	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – update
Stuart Oxborrow		2 nd November	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – proposed meeting
Warren Bond	Stuart Oxborrow	2 nd November	Re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – proposed meeting
John Brannan	Stuart Oxborrow	2 nd November	Re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – proposed meeting
Stuart Oxborrow		3 rd November	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – proposed meeting date update
Stuart Oxborrow		4 th November	Re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – proposed meeting date update
John Fitz Gerald	John Brannan	4 th November	Re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation meeting and weed monitoring
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	4 th November	Re: Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation meeting and weed monitoring
Rosemary Blemings		6 th November	ACT Volunteer of the Year nomination
John Brannan	John Fitz Gerald	6 th November	Report on Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation meeting
Stuart Oxborrow		8 th November	Weetangera pipeline rehabilitation – next meeting
Emily Wadwell		8 th November	William Hovell Drive upgrade – community consultation
Jack Holland	John Brannan	9 th November	Wallaby grass pots
Lauren McQueen		11 th November	ChemCert Training – available spots for next week
Anthony Todd		17 th November	Weed management – ChemCert training opportunities
John Brannan	Jack Holland	17 th November	Re: Wallaby grass pots
Lauren McQueen		18 th November	2020-21 Visitor Experience Survey

Kelli Singer: Co-coordinator, Weetangera Primary School Fete

Kate Harvey-Sutton: Co-coordinator, Weetangera Primary School Fete

Linda Beveridge: Friends of Black Mountain

Benjamin Huttner-Koros: Development Assessment Officer, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
Stuart Oxborrow: Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Delivery, TCCS
Stephanie Booker: Advisor, Office of Jo Clay MLA
Benjamin Huttner-Koros: Development Assessment Officer, Impact Assessment, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
Helen Oakey: Executive Director, Conservation Council ACT Region
Tim Berriman: Construction Manager, calibre group
Karissa Preuss: CEO, Landcare ACT
Rainer Rehwinkel: Friends of Grasslands
Michelle Ralph (Née Nairn): A/Ranger in Charge, Canberra Nature Park – North
Rosemary Blemings: Convenor, the Friends of Mt Rogers
Emily Wadwell: A/g Assistant Director, Engagement; TCCS
Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
Anthony Todd: Co-convenor, Friends of Aranda Bushland
Jack Holland: Birdwatching associate.

Attachment B Convenor's Report

November 2021

Spring this year has, if anything, exceeded what we saw last year in terms of lush growth, flourishing wildflowers, and weeds. This has been particularly true for orchids, which have been more profuse this year than we've ever seen before. Unfortunately, the same is also true of St Johns Wort, which seems to be having perhaps its best (or worst!) year ever. We have already decided that we will have to carefully target our weed control efforts to those areas of the reserve that have higher conservation values and are more in need of protection from invasive weeds.

While many of the COVID restrictions have now been lifted and we can finally get back into working on the reserve, the lockdowns played havoc with our program of spring events, forcing us to cancel two of our three guided walks. Two of our major Spring events, namely the Joint ParkCare display at the Jamison Centre and the Weetangera Primary School spring fete, were also cancelled. The latter is particularly unfortunate as that now makes two years running that they have had to call off the fete.

1. Bird Walk, October 31st

This was the sole survivor from our Spring Walks program, and after having to cancel my first bird walk, scheduled for early September, it was a relief to have some nice weather and the lifting of the mask-wearing mandate for the second bird walk. Fourteen people turned up on a very pleasant morning and we spent an enjoyable couple of hours watching some of the reserve's residents as well as quite a few of the migrant species that come to the Pinnacle in Summer to nest. We saw or heard 36 species in all, the highlights being three species all nesting in the same large eucalypt near Dungowan St (Willie Wagtail, Magpie Lark and Black-faced Cuckooshrike), a Noisy Friarbird feeding a nest full of chicks, some nice views of a Speckled Warbler, one of our locally threatened species, and, right at the end, a surprise visit by a pair of Varied Sittella, another of our locally threatened species.

2. Molonglo Pipeline

Work has now begun on revegetating area 2 of the pipeline corridor. The contractors, Glascotts, have been spraying out some of the major weeds among the previous revegetation effort, and will shortly begin sowing a native seed mix, which should show good results soon given the excellent growing conditions this season. We have already held a number of on-site meetings with representatives from Glascotts and the ACT Government, and we have been very pleased with the commitment shown by all parties to achieving a satisfactory outcome for this section of the pipeline.

At the same time we have also begun plans for revegetating the top end of the pipeline, which runs from the large water tanks near Springvale drive down to the creek line and the Valley track. In the short term this includes an event scheduled for this weekend where we will plant about 80 seedlings of various types, including trees, shrubs and grasses, in the compound beside the Icon water tanks. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous donation made by SI international to this project. Funding from SI has paid for 40 of the tubestock that will be planted this weekend. I also want to thank our hard working ParkCare Ranger Marty Bajt, who has rustled up some recycled tree guards for us and will be relocating one of our water cubes to the planting area.

3. ParkCare News

- The position of Volunteer Programs Manager, previously held by Alison McLeod and currently occupied by Kaz Williams, has now been permanently assigned to a newcomer to

ParkCare, Lauren McQueen. Lauren was formerly Volunteer Manager at VolunteeringACT and brings many years of experience in working with volunteers to her new position in PCS. I was the ParkCare volunteer representative on the interview panel for this position, and I am very pleased that Lauren was selected as the successful candidate. I look forward to seeing what she can achieve in her new role, though I'm sure her first few months will be a very steep learning curve.

- We were also delighted to hear that funding has now been allocated for a second ParkCare Ranger to take some of the burden off Marty's overworked shoulders. Interviews for the new position will probably not happen until next month at the soonest, and the scuttlebutt is that Marty will probably be the southside ParkCare Ranger under the new system, with the northside reserves getting the new appointee.
- In other good news, the ACT Government has promised secure funding for all the local catchment groups for the next 5 years. This takes an immense burden off the shoulders of the hard-working catchment group coordinators, as they can now concentrate on their core work instead of having to scratch around for grant funding to support their programs.
- Earlier this month, I attended (virtually) my first meeting with Landcare ACT Members Council, of which I am now a member. (This is what you get for putting your hand up in meetings. 😊) This came about because Landcare ACT, which is the peak advocacy body for landcare issues in the ACT, decided to expand their Members Council to increase the number of members from each branch of landcare (ParkCare, urban Landcare, Rural landcare, Aboriginal landcare and Other), from two to five to broaden the range of input to their activities. The meeting focused on identifying the key issues from each branch, with the ParkCare representatives identifying integrated biodiversity management across all government agencies and the development of an education program as key objectives. My hope is that Landcare ACT will continue to speak directly to the relevant ACT Government and Federal ministers and help steer policy decisions in the right direction.

John Brannan
November 22nd, 2021

Attachment C Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the period 08 August 2021 to 18 November 2021

Opening balance on 08 August 2021			\$2,279.77
Receipts			
Donation – Soroptimist International of Canberra - 4 Oct 2021	\$48.18		
		\$48.18	
Payments			
Bank Charge – Batch Pmt Fee 31 Aug	\$0.20		
Reimbursement - Len Taylor 17 Nov 2021 – Fence Post Clips	\$28.25		
		\$28.45	
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments			\$19.73
Closing balance on 18 November 2021			\$2,299.50
Reconciled to:			
“Beyond Bank” Account 03356841	\$2,117.15		
Petty Cash	\$182.35		
		\$2,299.50	
Total			\$2,299.50
Other Liabilities			
Scheduled Reimbursement – John Brannan 18 Nov 2021 – GA Tree Purchase Invoice 20220065	\$48.18		
Financial position at 18 November 2021			\$2,251.32

Notes:

1. Total value of all funds held and administered for Fotpin by Ginninderra Catchment Group as at 22 April 2021 : \$7,442.52 (Confirmed 14 April 2021, Julian Low, GCG Finance Officer). This amount consists of \$142.73 (residual of ACT Heritage Grant), \$7,205.73 (Labor Club Grant) and \$94.06 (Group Account).
2. \$1,300 of the funds held in the Fotpin Beyond Bank account are a donation from the Harden-Murrumburrah Landcare Group to be spent on interpretative signage.

Mike Hall, Fotpin Treasurer, 18 November 2021

Attachment D Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Progress Report

Fencing

The plastic mesh fence at site 2 was beyond repair. It has now been pulled down and is being replaced with a wire mesh one. Because the site is roughly oval it has no corner stays so only the bottom strand of wire has been fully tensioned the other strands will be much more loose.

The very first small 6m diameter plastic mesh fence is still OK.
There has been no problems with the steel mesh fence at site 1.

Direct Seeding

The direct sowing of microlaena seeds was, unfortunately, not a great success. The age of seed and the problems were reported in the last report.

At site 2 there is reasonable germination in the northern part of the enclosure but very little elsewhere. The wild oats and brome grass which grew at this site were wiped with the rope wick weeder in November and has shown good effect. As stated above the fencing is being replaced to protect it from grazing animals.

There is limited germination at Site 3.

I feel that this poor performance could be due to another factor which I need to investigate.

Because of the lateness of the sowing the microlaena seeds it was decided to save the remaining microlaena seeds for the next season and not sow them at site 1. Although this was not reported at the time we did sow stipa seeds of unknown age (ex GCG Xmas gift donated by Ken Hodgkinson) in small northern part of site 1. some of these have germinated.

Recently 140gm mix stipa, red leg, wallaby, chloris, 9-awn & microlaena of unknown age donated by John Fitzgerald was sown in an east west strip in the northern part of site 1. Themeda seeds donated by Rosemary Blemmings was also sown in a strip along the northern boundary of site 1. Unfortunately the germination test on these seeds revealed that none of the 40 seeds germinated, however the germination test is not perfectly accurate.

Tube Stock Planted

Tim Gill and daughter Yolanda planted the 50 wheat grass they germinated, into the 6m diameter plastic fence enclosure.

All the tube stock grown by St Francis Xavier college has now been planted out. This has added about 60 Leucochrysum albicans, 24 Calotis lappulaceae and 36 Xerochrysum viscosum to Weetangera paddock.

In addition 6 themeda from my vegetable garden and 4 microlaena have been planted in the Northwest corner of site 1.

Tube Stock Germination.

Getting started on this was a bit late this season. We have 120 Themeda and 6 Purple Wire Grass growing. The rest of the seeds have not germinated but of course may do. They are 40 Wallaby grass 20 wild Sorghum, and 8 Hardenbergia

Weeding.

The intensive weeding we have been practising recently is showing reasonable results. We are noticing germination of rock fern, bluebell and wallaby grass in the stipa patch recently weeded as well as increasing density of the stipa.

Location of seeding sites and fencing in Weetangera Paddock

