



**Coordinating Committee Meeting
Monday 9th February 2026 7-30 pm
Minutes**

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

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 17 November 2025 be accepted as a true and fair record of that meeting.
Agreed.

Consideration of Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

20251117: Convenor's Report

Action Item: Warren to contact Jane Roberts (a freshwater ecologist who has been regularly visiting The Pinnacle dam to monitor and document it) for input on the dam project.

Completed. See **Item 12 Pinnacle Dam Project** for details.

20251117: Events Program

Action Item: John, Warren and Anne to develop a survey to gauge interest in various types of activities at the Pinnacle.

In progress. John will prepare something for the committee to consider.

Action Item: John to contact the Queanbeyan Arts Society.

Ongoing.

Action Item: John to obtain pictures from the various walks to place on the display board at fetes and similar events.

In progress. John will prepare something for the Hawker community market in March.

20251117: Other Business

Action Item: John will follow up Marty on the bags of seed, including asking the age of the seed.

Ongoing.

Action Item: The funding proposal was approved, subject to review and re-approval if the price exceeds \$600 once a firm quotation is received closer to the purchase date.

Deferred. Len has decided to delay the planting project as the weather outlook is unfavourable.

20250818: Convenor's Report:

Action Item: John to contact Lori Gould for advice on the dam project.

Completed. Discussed at **Item 12 Pinnacle Dam Project** below.

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.

Ongoing. Warren will send out an email at an appropriate time.

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 fotpin Updates and in other forums as appropriate.

Ongoing.

20250210: Interpretive signs launch:

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.

Ongoing. John will obtain a fresh quote from the printers.

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

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

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

John had circulated his report before the meeting. It was decided that it was not worth putting out an update as yet, as there was not much to report and it has only been a month since the last Update was released.

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

Warren had previously circulated the Financial Statement for the current year. It was moved by Anne and seconded by John that the Report be confirmed pending correction of an incorrect date in the Financial Statement. Agreed.

6. Membership Report

Warren had previously circulated his report. Membership has remained unchanged since November at a total of 112. There was a net increase of 3 in the number of other people who have requested to be on our email list to 257, making the total on our email lists of 369.

7. Weed Management

Weeding effort in the 3 months since the last meeting (Nov 1 to Jan 31), the driest period since the same period in 2020, was 297 hours (14% of which was in the Weetangera paddock). This total was 14% more than these 3 months last season but 15% less than the average for these three months for the previous 15 seasons. The largest proportion of effort (36%) was spent on St. John's Wort followed by Saffron thistles (19%), Miscellaneous broadleaf weeds (14%), Paterson's curse (8%) and Exotic grasses (8%).

Warren also reported on fotpin's history of Blackberry control since 2010 (https://www.fotpin.org.au/weeds/blackberry_progress.html). There had been good progress in reducing numbers up to 2020, followed by a large increase resulting from the series of high rainfall years peaking in 2022-24, now declining again but not yet back to the level of 2018-20. Notably Kama Link has fared the worst, followed by Bottom Pinnacle, attributable to their proximity to areas managed by the government and remaining untreated for years.

8. Information and Outreach

(a) Website.

The number of unique visitors in the last 3 months (November to January) averaged 506/month, 37% more than the previous 3 months, 191% more than the same 3 months last year and 232% more than the long-term average. Warren attributed the significant increase in this and the previous 3 month period to the improved indexing terms added to pages when the website was upgraded in early September 2025.

Recent Weeding (325 views by 32 users) was the most sought after page in this period, followed by “Newsletters” (124 views by 95 users – the most for some time), the Track Map page ” (103 views by 83 users), “About the Pinnacle” (80 views by 65 users), “What’s On” (44 views by 33 users), the Pinnacle weather page (36 views, 12 users), the “Current Activities” page (34 views by 30 users), “Flora & Fauna” ” (33 views by 27 users), the 2025-26 Weeding Maps page (32 views by 19 users), the “Weeding activities” page (31 views by 24 users), the “Pinnacle maps index” page (27 views by 25 users) and the Flora & Fauna “Birds” page (26 views by 21 users).

[NB red is an increase, blue a decrease and black no change since the previous 3 months].

Track page views				
Suggested walks	Feb-Apr	May-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Jan
home page	49 (32)	38 (24)	46 (36)	26 (19)
De Salis St walks	20 (18)	16 (11)	5 (5)	5 (5)
Eastern loop	14 (9)	11 (6)	6 (3)	9 (3)
Central Valley loop	7 (7)	11 (7)	14 (8)	14 (6)
Stringybark loop	4 (3)	6 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)
Dungowan St	9 (6)	8 (2)	3 (3)	4 (3)
Nature Walk	11 (9)	7 (4)	8 (6)	11 (6)
Main loop	22 (14)	10 (6)	12 (9)	8 (7)
Kama Link (trackside)	75 (39)	68 (42)	58 (33)	9 (6)
Kama Link (index page)	34 (33)	5 (4)	6 (3)	4 (4)

(b) Social media.

Denise reported that there remained 564 followers on the facebook/meta page, and there were 165 followers on Instagram, up by 2 from the previous report.

9. Events Program

This was covered in **Item 4. Convenor’s Report**. Events currently planned for Autumn include a bird walk and the Hawker community market. John will also contact the Queanbeyan Arts Society regarding a possible event.

10. Weetangera Groundcover Revegetation Project Report

Len had previously circulated his report. It included:

Wattle Plantings: Initially these survived well with little attention which led Len to ignore them a bit. Consequently two *Acacia gunii* (ploughshare wattle) and an *Acacia rubida* (red stem wattle) have died. The others will still require watering whilst this hot dry spell continues.

Improving Native Ground Cover in Old Experiment Enclosure: A germinability test on the donated *Microlaena* seeds showed only 53%. Whilst this poor germinability could be caused by the

seeds being harvested too soon it is likely that the seeds are old. Thus it pays to use the seeds this season to retain what germinability they have.

BOM is predicting below average autumn rainfall likely for much of the south as well as above average temperatures, so we will not purchase any more seed this season. We will continue to control weeds in the enclosure. Because of reported high predation of seeds when sown we will delay sowing the *Microlaena* seeds as long as possible.

11. Biodiversity report

Our count of total native species currently stands at 1,105, an increase of 7 in the last 3 months. The number of native plant species increased by 2 to 283. The 2 plants added were *Pelargonium inodorum* (Wild pelargonium) and *Paspalum distichum* (Water couch).

Other additions included 3 moths and 5 other insects.

Warren also recently received a download of the full Canberra Nature Map database for the reserve so was able to do a crosscheck and identify some re-identification, reclassification and renaming of sightings that resulted in a net decrease of 3 in our total count.

12. Pinnacle Dam Project

Warren reported on his conversation with ecologist Jane Roberts. Based on several years observations of the Pinnacle Dam she considered that it is in reasonable condition, with resilient vegetation and a stable fill point. He also commented that the western bank erosion from foot traffic has worsened recently.

Len pointed out that the spill point was also eroding. Warren suggested that Parks be contacted regarding arresting the erosion of the spill point with mixed rock fill as had been done elsewhere on the reserve.

John reported on his conversation with Lori Gould, who also considered the vegetation around the dam was in good condition but that the Western bank needs to be protected from foot traffic to reduce run-off into the dam. This could be achieved by placing woody debris and additional plantings to restrict access, and perhaps by replacing some trees with shrubs. She also suggested planting more trees on the eastern side to provide more shade, such as bottlebrush and tea tree and some more wetland plants along the eastern bank such as Purple Loosestrife Buttercups (*Ranunculus* species) and more sedges. Lori also suggested adding more aquatic plants to the dam such as pond weed, ribbon weed and Millfoil. These should be planted in gabions to protect them from ducks.

John noted that Parks Ranger Leah had already agreed that the western footpath should be diverted and woody debris be placed in the dam, but that this would need to be approved by the appropriate Parks processes.

The committee agreed that much of the other work could be completed by volunteers, once the woody debris has been supplied by Parks.

Action Item: John to contact Leah regarding progress in diverting the western footpath, providing woody debris, and the possibility of arresting the erosion of the spill point.

Action Item: John to develop a program for improving the dam and surrounds for circulation among the Committee, Members and those who have been advising us.

13. Other Business

None.

14. Proposed date for next meeting

The AGM and next CC meeting is proposed for Sunday 17th May 2026.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Anne Aisbett
Fotpin Secretary
11th February 2026

Attachment A. Major items of correspondence since November 2025 meeting**ParkCare**

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	20 th November	Resources available
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	26 th November	Power Tools - Updates and Reminders
Lauren McQueen		26 th November	Important: New Incident Reporting System
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	26 th November	Important: New Incident Reporting System
Lauren McQueen		3 rd December	IMPORTANT: Fire Risk, Adverse Weather and Upcoming Staff Availability
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	3 rd December	Convenor ParkCare Update - Staff Availability & Fire/Heat
Michelle Jenkins		5 th December	IMPORTANT: Volunteering Activity Changes due to Adverse Weather
Michelle Jenkins		9 th December	IMPORTANT - It's going to be HOT!
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	16 th December	Updates: Convenor Meeting Minutes and Upcoming Heatwave
Lauren McQueen		16 th December	Low to Severe Intensity Heatwave
Lauren McQueen		24 th December	ParkCare: End of Year Thank You
Lauren McQueen		6 th January	IMPORTANT: Extreme Weather - Heat
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	7 th January	Water Tank Refills
Lauren McQueen		8 th January	Saturday - Likely TOTAL FIRE BAN
Lauren McQueen		6 th January	Training and Events Update
Lauren McQueen		9 th January	Total Fire Ban, Volunteering and Park Closures this Saturday 10 January 2026
Lauren McQueen		12 th January	All Convenor Communications - Update
Lauren McQueen	Convenors	16 th January	Update: Staffing
Dylan Lawrey		23 rd January	IMPORTANT: It's going to be HOT!
Dylan Lawrey		24 th January	IMPORTANT: Total Fire Ban, Volunteer and Park Closures this Sunday
Dylan Lawrey		27 th January	IMPORTANT: It's going to be HOT!
Dylan Lawrey		4 th February	It's going to be HOT!
Dylan Lawrey		4 th February	Total Fire Ban, Volunteering and Park Closures this Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th February 2026
Dylan Lawrey	Convenors	6 th February	New Online Volunteer Activity Planning Platform
Dylan Lawrey	Convenors	6 th February	Callery Pear: response to concerns

Lauren McQueen: Volunteer Programs Manager, CED
 Michelle Jenkins: Volunteer Program Coordinator, CED
 Dylan Lawrey: A/g Volunteer Programs Manager, CED

PCS Rangers

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
John Brannan	Leah Colebrook	14 th January	Plot fencing removal
Leah Colebrook	John Brannan	22 nd January	Re: Plot fencing removal
Warren Bond	Leah Colebrook	5 th February	Big Chilean NeedleGrass Patch

Leah Colebrook: District Ranger, Urban Reserves North

Ginninderra Catchment Group

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Anke Maria Hoefer		18 th November	Last final call for GCG AGM and funtastic end of year celebrations
Suzanne Richardson		21 st November	Please email me your Dec/Jan landcaring & enviro events by Tue 25th Nov
Anke Maria Hoefer		26 th November	GCG Annual Report
Suzanne Richardson		26 th November	Bush regeneration workshops this weekend!
Suzanne Richardson		26 th November	Reminder: Please email me your Dec/Jan landcaring events (& if you're taking a break) asap
Kat McGilp		1 st December	Quick Update - Kat back at GCG
Anke Maria Hoefer		2 nd December	reminder! How to kill African Love Grass course this Saturday
Kat McGilp		4 th December	Feedback invited – draft MIS25 submission on urban plant species

Kathryn McGilp: Catchment Coordinator

Suzanne Richardson: Assistant Project and Communications Officer, GCG

Anke Maria Hoefer: Acting Catchment Coordinator, GCG

Miscellaneous

From	To (if specific)	Date	Subject
Frances Knight		22 nd November	Re: possible Christmas market
John Brannan	Lori Gould	29 th November	Dam improvement at The Pinnacle NR
John Brannan	Lori Gould	30 th November	Dam improvement at The Pinnacle NR

Lori Gould	John Brannan	1 st December	Re: Dam improvement at The Pinnacle NR
John Brannan	Lori Gould	1 st December	Re: Dam improvement at The Pinnacle NR
Frances Knight		11 th December	Re: possible Christmas market
Frances Knight		12 th December	Re: possible Christmas market
Mat Wolnicki	Webmaster	10 th January	Weed experiment photos
Warren Bond	Mat Wolnicki	10 th January	Re: Weed experiment photos
Mat Wolnicki	Warren Bond	13 th January	Re: Weed experiment photos
Warren Bond	Mat Wolnicki	14 th January	Re: Weed experiment photos
Frances Knight		6 th February	Autumn Markets
John Brannan	Frances Knight	8 th February	Re: Autumn Markets

Frances Knight: Convenor, Hawker Community Landcare

Lori Gould: Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Restoration Design and Planning

Mat Wolnicki: Weed experiment participant

Attachment B Convenor's Report

Summer tends to be a fairly quiet time at the reserve. We avoid scheduling guided walks in the hotter months, and weeding tends to be less busy due to the heat. However, the last three months have probably been the period of least activity ever, with the possible exception of the Black Summer in 2019-20. Successive record heatwaves and minimal amounts of rain have seen the reserve's plants wilt and the local wildlife seeking shade and scratching around for something to eat. Last weekend this finally ended, with wonderful overnight rainfall on Saturday that continued well into Sunday, bringing rainfall totals that we haven't seen since last September and possibly even earlier than that. We can only hope that this signals a more long-term change in the rainfall pattern that will set us up for a more pleasant Autumn and Winter season.

Given these conditions, there's not much to report in the way of activity in the last 3 months, but what there has been is summarised below.

1. Molonglo Watermain Corridor Revegetation

We had intended to sow native grass seed inside the exclusion plots down the hill from the water tanks compound last Spring, but the absence of any decent rain prevented this from proceeding. If the current rainfall continues, we may consider trialling some tubestock planting and grass seed dispersal in the Autumn.

2. Weetangera Paddock Groundlayer Revegetation

This is a long-term ongoing project undertaken by Len Taylor and his team. Over the years, it has included various forms of weed control and the reintroduction and supplementation of native groundcover plants, as well as some shrubby species, many of which Len has germinated from seed. He has made extensive use of exclosures to protect his plantings against predation by rabbits and roos, and the fruits of his efforts are evident to anyone who keeps an eye on the plants in Weetangera paddock.

Like the rest of us, Len has found his efforts thwarted recently by the high temperatures and low rainfall, but continues to trial and test methods for reintroducing native plants. Len is to be commended for his persistence, diligence and his methodical and science-based approach, and his findings can be applied to other similar endeavours in the future.

3. Upcoming Events

- **Hawker Community Gardens Autumn Market**

Where: Hawker shops, outside the Rocksalt café

When: TBD

We will be putting up a display stall at the Autumn community market hosted by the Hawker Community Gardens Landcare group. This event offers a great opportunity to meet with people in the local community and talk to them about the reserve and the work that we do. I am looking for volunteers to help staff the stall, so if you might be available to help out, please contact me about this by emailing convenor@fotpin.org.au or call me on 0405 331 405

- **Autumn bird walk**

Where: Reserve entrance on Dungowan St, Hawker

When: TBD

The Autumn bird walk at The Pinnacle NR is timed to coincide with the movement of many migrant bird species through the region and offers a chance to spot some of the 100+ bird species that have been observed at The Pinnacle NR. If you'd like to join John Brannan for this

stroll around the reserve, please email convenor@fotpin.org.au or call John on 0405 331 405. Don't delay, as numbers are limited for these walks.

Attachment C: Treasurer's Report**Financial Statement**

for the period 1 May 2025 to 31 January 2026

Opening balance on 1 May 2025	\$2,173.07
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Receipts

Beyond Bank Interest (May, Nov)	\$0.22	
Member donations	\$100.00	
		\$100.22

Payments

Sign launch expenses	\$77.94	
Bank fee	\$0.20	
		\$78.14

Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments	\$22.08
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Closing balance on 31 January 2026	\$2,195.15
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Reconciled to:

"Beyond Bank" Account 03356841	\$2,093.70	
Petty Cash	\$101.45	
Total		\$2,195.15

Liabilities

Domain name renewal reimbursement to W Bond		
Approved at last Committee meeting not yet paid	\$59.90	
		\$2135.25

Uncommitted funds at 31 January 2026**Funds allocated to Fotpin for projects held by Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG)**

a. Residual of finalised grants and other income paid directly to GCG	\$7,092.52
Balance of funds at 30/4/25: \$7442.52 less approved expenditure of \$350.00 on plants for Weetangera paddock	
b. Residual of Molonglo Watermain Corridor vegetation management funds from Transport Canberra and City Services.	\$9,297.44
Total	16,389.96

Warren Bond

Treasurer

05 February 2026