



Annual General Meeting 24 July 2016 Weetangera Primary School Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.05 pm.

Present:

Members: Barbara Allan, Warren Bond, John Brannan, Nathanael Coyne, John Fitz Gerald, Denise Hall, Mike Hall, Margo Hellyer, Bob Hodgson, Gilbert Hughes, Graeme Muller, Elizabeth Smith, Keith Thomas, Wendy Whitham, Scott Wilkinson

Non-members: nil.

Apologies:

Members: Mark Hallam, Lesley Harland, Katy Skinner

Non-members: Penny Lockwood, Nola McKeon, Karissa Preuss (GCG¹), Matthew Watts, Dave Wong (GCG)

1. Welcome by the Convenor

The convenor welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Elizabeth Smith moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Seconded: Denise Hall. Accepted unanimously.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 April 2016

Elizabeth Smith moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Seconded: Mike Hall. Accepted unanimously.

4. Convenor's Report

John Brannan, as Acting Convenor since the resignation of Pax in mid-February, spoke to the [Report](#) he had previously circulated and invited discussion on several of the topics included therein.

Weed Control

The need to review fotpin's weed control strategy in light of the large decrease in effort that will result from Pax's withdrawal from all fotpin activities was discussed.

A range of suggestions were raised, including:

- Prioritising weed control to the Reserve (and Extension) and only extending to neighbouring paddocks when resources permit
- A general call to members and others on our email list for people to become Chemcerted and join our spraying team
- Increasing the use of weed wands for weed control
- Having a few sessions a year for "all comers" to participate in, perhaps with weed wands, and perhaps in the areas "off-reserve" in place of the spraying previously carried out by Pax
- The need for training in weed identification for all new weeders (and perhaps a set of small laminated ID sheets with photos of weeds in various stages of maturity that weeders can carry around with them)

Pinnacle Extension

John Brannan updated members on the management arrangements for the Extension and on the progress of the Draft Management Plan. There was a brief discussion about weed control

¹ GCG: Ginninderra Catchment Group

in the area and the need for better communication between fotpin and PCS², as well as the status of access to the Extension. Warren Bond will follow up on these points in his next monthly report of weed control activities in the Extension to the Ranger in charge of the offset (Nina Bruns) and they will be raised at the annual planning meeting with PCS in September.

New pipeline to supply water to the new suburb of Whitlam

Members were made aware of this and maps of the proposed route were tabled. It will run south from the Weetangera tanks, through Bottom Pinnacle, turn east along William Hovell Drive and then go under William Hovell opposite the current intersection with Coppins Crossing Road.

There was discussion about measures fotpin should request in order to minimise the impact including keeping the construction site as narrow as possible and ensuring good vehicle hygiene to avoid spread of weeds (especially African Love Grass) from the more infested area around the tanks. It was also suggested that fotpin members regularly monitor compliance.

Update: We were advised on 17th July that as a result of concerns about the pipeline route running through quality grassland to the east of the creek it would now run to the west of the creek through an area of less value ecologically. The pipeline page will be updated when we receive the actual route proposed.

Sale of Tully land along Coulter Drive

John Brannan drew the attention of members to the fact that the Tully lease (“Wintergarden Estate”) had recently been for sale and was believed to have been sold. As a consequence there is uncertainty about the future uses to which the land, some of which borders the Pinnacle Nature Reserve. At one point in the discussion a figure of \$35 million was mentioned as the sale price. It should be noted that the price at which the property was actually passed in was \$3.5 million.

Interpretative signage

Keith Thomas spoke to an updated version of the [Interpretive Signs Proposal](#) [pdf, 827 kB] that he presented to the Coordinating Committee at its June meeting. It proposes signs at the De Salis Street and Dungowan Street entrances and a large panorama sign on the summit of the Pinnacle itself. These will contain photos, texts and QR codes linking to further information on the fotpin website. In addition QR codes will be displayed on simple posts at several suitable sites within the Reserve providing links to information relevant to their locations.

There will be an opportunity for members to have input into the sign design at an appropriate time.

Members were generally enthusiastic about the proposal and provided feedback to Keith.

Issues Raised by Members

There was a discussion of the recent track works on the Reserve and whether the drainage provided was adequate. There was a general feeling that some of the work had been very good but in other places it seemed to be poorer.

There was also a discussion about what fotpin’s attitude should be towards kids building cubby houses on the Reserve. A range of views were expressed, but ultimately it is a decision for the manager, namely PCS.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Denise Hall presented the [audited financial statement for 2015-16](#):

John Brannan moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted; seconded: Nathanael Coyne.
Accepted.

² PCS: ACT Parks and Conservation Service

6. Stand-down of the current Coordinating Committee:

Members of the 2015-16 Coordinating Committee stood down in accordance with meeting rules and positions were declared vacant.

7. Election of new Coordinating Committee by show of hands

Elizabeth Smith volunteered to act as Returning Officer, and called for nominations from the floor for the vacant positions.

The following office holders and ordinary members were nominated and elected unopposed.

Convenor: John Brannan

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: Bob Hodgson

Coordinator: Warren Bond

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Wendy Whitham

Secretary: Keith Thomas

Nominated: WB; Seconded: John Brannan

Treasurer: Denise Hall

Nominated: Mike Hall ; Seconded: Keith Thomas

Ordinary Members:

Margo Hellyer

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: John Brannan

No other nominations received

The incoming committee members were congratulated by the Returning Officer. And the Outgoing Committee thanked for their efforts.

John Brannan added an extra acknowledgement to Pax (Vaughn Cox) for his outstanding contribution to fotpin and the Pinnacle over more than 6 years, commenting that his varied contributions will be difficult to replace. This was supported by all present and the Secretary will write a letter of thanks.

8. Other business:

Nil

Meeting closed at 3.20 pm.