



Friends of
Grasslands



Supporting grassy ecosystems

Friends of Grasslands 2018 Annual Report

Compiled by Geoff Robertson, on behalf of Friends of Grasslands,

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19 March 2019**

Why Grassy Ecosystems?

FOG is committed to the support and eventual restoration of grassy ecosystem, once dominant throughout south-east Australia. These primarily comprise natural temperate grassland (NTG) and grassy woodlands.

NTG are naturally treeless areas dominated by a range of native grasses and often a showy range of daisies, peas, lilies, orchids and other flowering

herbs. In 1788, NTG occupied about 11% of south east Australia. Now only 1-5% of what existed remains.

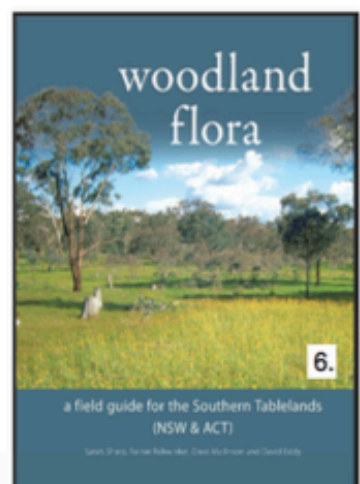
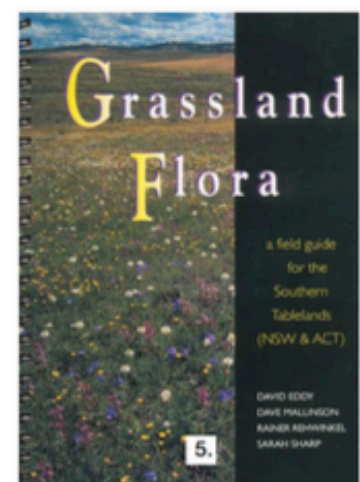
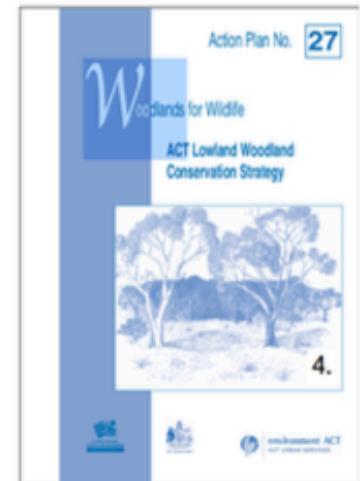
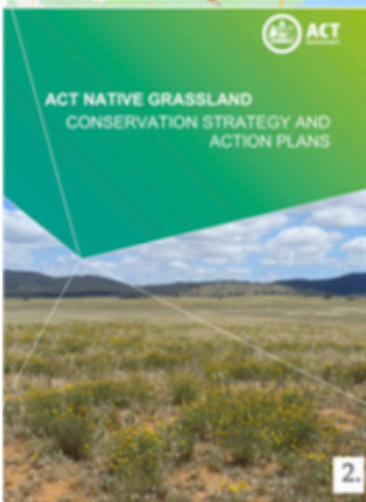
Grassy woodlands have a similar grassy understorey, scattered patches of shrubs and sparsely spaced eucalypts. About 5-7% of their former range remains. These grassy ecosystems have been listed as critically endangered.

Many flora and fauna species associated with these grasslands and woodlands are also regarded as highly endangered.

Within the Canberra region *Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands* and *White Box Yellow Box & Blakely's Red Gum Woodland* are

regarded as critically endangered under Commonwealth legislation, and as endangered under Australian Capital Territory legislation. These woodlands are regarded as endangered under NSW legislation and for practical purposes NTG are also.

1. Shows the area formerly comprising NTG of the South Eastern Highlands (Source: NSW OEH website).
2. ACT Grassland Conservation Plan, a highly useful reference and guide to ACT NTG.
3. Shows the area formerly comprising *White Box Yellow Box & Blakely's Red Gum Woodland*. (Source - see 4).
4. The ACT current woodland strategy. It is currently being revised.
5. *Grassland Flora* provides information on grasslands and shows many grassland grasses and wildflowers. Available from FOG.
6. *Woodland Flora* provides information on woodlands and shows many plants associated with woodlands. Published by FOG.



Highlights 2018

Events

In 2018, Friends of Grasslands (FOG) organised 39 events, some jointly with partners, including forums, workshops, field trips, on-ground working bees, plant surveys and committee meetings. Some events lasted several days. FOG also contributed significantly to 12 events organised by other agencies and organisations.

FOG's on-ground work included 11 working bees on high conservation national lands managed by the National Capital Authority in Canberra and four at Hall Cemetery.

FOG's forums and workshops included a weekend visit to Rick Farley Reserve near Lake Mungo to learn about Aboriginal lore and traditional land management, a field visit and workshop on Monaro ephemeral wetlands at Dalgety, and a major grassland forum and field trip, attended by 100 people on day one and 80 on day two.

Amongst its surveys was a major new activity to identify populations of Monaro golden daisy in the Cooma-Monaro region.

Communications

FOG continued to inform its members, the broader community and decision-makers about the conservation and recovery of grassy ecosystems through a range of media, including its newsletter and eBulletin, website, Facebook, presentations at events organised by others and public media.

Advocacy

FOG made 19 submission: two to Senate inquiries, six to Commonwealth Government on EPBC matters, three to NSW government, three to the NSW Threatened Species Committee, four to the ACT government and one to an ACT Standing Committee inquiry. It also continued to network with many other agencies and groups and undertook a number of new initiatives.

Membership, governance & finance

For many years, membership has remained constant around 200. At the end of 2018 it was 221.

The committee elected at the last annual general meeting has worked effectively. Its efforts were assisted by a range of other volunteers who undertake major roles within FOG.

FOG remained in a healthy financial situation. In 2018, it spent \$23,745 on on-ground work, much of this financed by grants received. Sales of *Grassland Flora* and *Woodland Flora* remained strong at \$7955. The public account received donations of \$3821, \$3000 of which was spent on FOG supported projects. FOG's net assets at the end of 2018 were \$65,539 plus \$1,111 in its public account.

FOG received four grants valued in total at \$11,012 and funded two supported projects, each for \$1500.

FOG's contribution to environmental outcomes

It is estimated that the value of FOG volunteer hours in 2018 was \$410,000.

Public recognition of Margaret Ning and Sarah Sharp

For her services to conservation and the environment, Margaret Ning received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours, while Sarah Sharp received ACT Environmentalist of the Year (Conservation Council). Congratulations to you both.



Congratulations Margaret Ning & Sarah Sharp.

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of natural temperate grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia, including related flora and fauna species. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of grassy ecosystems, and carries out surveys and other on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public. This report has been put together by its office holders, committee members, and volunteers responsible for organising its communications, advocacy, membership, supported projects, sales, and on-ground projects. This report was presented to and endorsed by the FOG AGM, 19 March 2019 at Lena Karmel Lodge, 26 Barry Drive, Acton ACT.

Events 2018

As shown in the table, FOG organised 39 events and FOG volunteers officially participated in 12 events organised by others (total 51). Each event aimed to support grassy ecosystems by learning, skill development, working bees, surveys, compiling flora and fauna lists and /or workshopping. In 2018, events included:

- Five weekend events: Nerriga, NSW, visiting properties and plant identification (10-11 Feb); Rick Farley Reserve, near Lake Mungo, a forum in Aboriginal lore, culture and traditional land management (5-9 Apr); Narrandera, NSW, visiting grassy ecosystem sites, including TSRs (20-4 Sept); Monaro Golden Daisy (MGD) survey, Cooma & southern Monaro, NSW (17-8 Nov); and Big Hole & Deua NP, NSW visiting grassy eco sites and wetlands (1-2 Dec).
- Six other forums and workshops: ephemeral wetlands, Lake Maffra and workshop Dalgety (28 Apr); Grassland identification workshops, Golspie (13 May) and Braidwood (24 Sep); winter forum & special meeting, presentations by Darren Le Roux & Brett Howland, Mugga (18 Aug); and grassland forum and field day (24 & 25 Oct) (counted as two events).
- Four other field visits: Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park, Canberra International Arboretum, for launch of STEP grasses brochures funded by FOG supported projects (12 Jun); Crace grassland (1 Jul); visit to a property, Sutton, NSW (19 Sep); and visit to Ballyhooly property, Bungendore (14 Oct).
- Fifteen working bees on national lands and at Hall Cemetery (also see next section).
- Six other working bees and surveys: tree hollows survey, Canberra (1 May), peppercress translocation (21 Sep), Scottsdale monitoring (8 Nov), second MGD survey, Cooma (21 Nov), button wrinklework count, Crace (22 Nov), Cooma MGD project monitoring (3 Dec) (for more information on FOG surveys, see next section).
- Three other events: AGM and dinner (20 Mar) and two open garden days at McLeods Creek (7 & 8 Apr).

Visit to Lake Maffra TSR, Apr 2018



The 12 events organised by others in which FOG officially participated included:

- two public stalls promoting FOG at Jerrabomberra wetlands (3 Feb) and Jamison Centre (7-9 Sep);
- two clean up days at Franklin Grassland, organised by Andrew Leigh MP and Suzanne Orr MLA (10 Mar) and by Suzanne Orr (20 Oct);
- two forums: *Protecting the environment on Commonwealth land forum* (3 May) and ACT woodland forum (27 Jun);
- leading a Heritage week walk at Westlake (19 Aug);
- five other events: visit at Stirling Park organised by NCA (13 Apr); World Environment Day dinner (2 Jun); participation in Stand Against Extinction Day (10 Sep); Volcanic Plains, Vic (27-9 Oct); and ANBG bush blitz event where FOG also had a stall (2 Dec).

In total 664 volunteers attended the 39 FOG events and 66 FOG volunteers formally participation in events organised by others. The total hours contributed, included travel time, was 5914 hours. The value of volunteers hours (valued at \$35 an hour) was \$206,990.

FOG Events in 2018			
	No. of events	No. of Volunteers	Attendance & travel hours
FOG events, excluding working bees on National Land and Hall Cemetery	24	520	4691
National lands working bees	11	112	549
Hall Cemetery working bees	4	32	144
Total FOG events	39	664	5384
FOG volunteers at events organised by others	12	66	530
Total	51	730	5914

On-ground work & surveys 2018

National Capital Lands and Hall Cemetery

The National Capital Authority (NCA) is responsible for a large estate of national land in Canberra, including woodlands at Stirling Park and Attunga Point (Yarralumla) and Scrivener's Hut, and grasslands at Yarramundi Reach, Acton. In an ongoing arrangement with the NCA, FOG organises work parties doing fine scale and expert work under a management plan and adheres to strict occupational health safety procedures. NCA provides a small ongoing grant to cover equipment and herbicide purchase and training. This arrangement has worked well since 2009. In 2018, FOG organised eleven working bees. It holds very regular meetings with NCA, including a meeting with CEO Sally Barnes in 2018 who visited Stirling Park. FOG also contributes advice on NCA strategies and plans.

Also since 2009, FOG has organised working bees at Hall Cemetery in partnership with the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority which reports to the ACT Government through the Minister for Transport. Working bees have removed vegetation that has threatened the endangered Tarengo leek orchid and weeding in the woodland area. FOG organised four working bees in 2018. The weed surge after ecological burning in late April 2016 has been countered but nuisance weeds such as prickly lettuce and plantain, and large stands of phalaris, still locally abound.

Taken together, FOG's NCA and Hall Cemetery working bees in 2018 involved 144 volunteers and 693 volunteer hours.

Other on-ground work, & surveys

FOG undertook several other on-ground, survey and research projects in 2018. Many of these are described in the events section of this report. Some major achievements include:



FOG is extremely fortunate to have Jamie Pittock (above) and John Fitz Gerald (below) who head up our efforts on national lands and Hall Cemetery, as well as picking up on the ball on many other issues.

- FOG completed its Monaro Golden Daisy (MGD) grant project, funded by South East Local Land Services (SE LLS), in June 2018. This project involved hiring contractors who sprayed African love grass and St John's wort using special protocols, and monitoring the effectiveness. The last contract spray was undertaken in the first half of 2018 and the last monitoring was undertaken on 3 Dec. FOG arranged for several articles on the project to appear in the Cooma Monaro Post during the life of the project, the last one appearing in November 2018. A final project report was submitted to SE LLS in May 2018. Results of the monitoring are being compiled and analysed.
- FOG has been monitoring vegetation at the Bush Heritage property at Scottsdale for many years by conducting an annual monitoring survey, which in 2018 took place on 8 Nov. Monitoring measures the interplay of African love grass and native grasses like kangaroo grass and results are used in Bush Heritage's recovery planning.
- FOG undertook a MGD mapping survey in Cooma and other Monaro areas (Nov 2018). Results of the survey are being compiled.

Since its inception, FOG volunteers have undertaken on-ground work, including planning, training, weeding, planting, monitoring and evaluating. Working bees require that work teams are properly trained and qualified and follow strict occupation health and safety procedures. While FOG follows the ethic of "doing what you preach", its commitment to on-ground work is much more than this. On-ground work provides a learning experience, and through its on-ground work, FOG has learnt and applied many valuable lessons and has become increasingly effective. Lessons learnt are also passed on through presentations at FOG and other events and through our submissions. In 2018, Jamie Pittock gave presentations on FOG's involvement on NCA lands to two separate forums.



A recent work party on national capital lands.

Communication 2018

Newsletter & eBulletin

FOG issued six *News of Friends of Grasslands*, covering grassy ecosystems developments, upcoming and past events, grassy news, advocacy and much more. As the newsletter records our advocacy positions, the committee decided that it should be placed on our website as soon as it is released.

Nine issues of *FOG e-Bulletins*, which aim to keep members abreast of upcoming events between newsletter issues.

Presentations to other organisations

FOG members gave presentations at the Environment Institute of Australian and New Zealand forum in Canberra in May and in August to the Woodland forum on our involvement NCA sites, and a presentation titled *Adventures in Grasslands* to the Australian Native Plant Society in February.

Website

2018 was a smooth year for the FOG website. Most work involved keeping the calendar, newsletters and advocacy pages up to date. The statistics package on the server recorded 100,000 visitors for the year and 160GB of downloads.

What is a grassland? was the most popular page on the site, followed by *Grasses of NSW* and a *Grasses: habits and habitats* brochure. So the website ranks well for education. The membership, help and 2014 Forum pages were not far behind. The November 2016 issue was the most visited newsletter. *Plant Communities of the South Eastern Highlands and Australian Alps, version 1.1* also generated interest.

The fog.org.au domain is registered with OnlyDomains, the website is hosted by HostMetro in the USA, and FOG email services are provided faultlessly and free by Google.

Info & president@ FOG & phone inquiries

FOG receives about 4-5 notices weekly of events, news reports and inquiries. Info on events and news items are passed on appropriately, while inquiries are answered.



Ann Milligan, our fabulous Newsletter editor and co-coordinator with Margaret Ning of our & events program.

A number of media inquiries have come through these channels. Similar traffic is received at our other addresses such as [advocacy@](mailto:advocacy@fog.org.au), [newsletter@](mailto:newsletter@fog.org.au) etc.

Facebook

FOG established a Facebook page in November. It will be another media vehicle to distribute grassy news and information on upcoming events.

Media

FOG received good media coverage

- *Cooma Monaro Post*: ephemeral wetlands workshop at Dalgety, the winding up of our Monaro Golden Daisy grants project, and a major feature on grasslands in November (although we had to pay for some advertisements there).
- *Canberra Times*: in 2018, grassland forum and field day, and large spread on African lovegrass (earlier this year) followed up by an interview on commercial radio.
- ABC local radio: illegal native vegetation clearing, brumbies, proposed development at York Park, and our grassland forum and field day.
- *Chronicle*: mention our work.
- An article *An update from the Friends of Grasslands (FOG)* by Geoff Robertson in *Greening Australia's Grassy Groundcover Gazette*, Dec 2018.
- 2019 radio interview of Geoff Robertson in Yass on the release of the book *Welcome to our Yass Gorge*.



News of Friends of Grasslands

Supporting native grassy ecosystems

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November-December 2018

Our newsletter is highly regarded on many issues. Readers like regular features such as Michael's Bedingfield's drawings, John Fitz Gerald's close-ups and the advocacy update. The newsletter also, importantly, captures FOG's history.

Advocacy 2018

Introduction

Advocacy of grassy ecosystems permeates every aspect of FOG's work, e.g. through its events, communications and on-ground work. More directly, FOG makes submissions and undertakes various lobbying activities.

Submissions

In 2018, FOG made 19 formal submissions:

- Two, Senate: Australia's faunal extinction crisis (Aug) and impact of feral deer, pigs and goats (Nov).
- Six, Comm. Dep. of Environment (EPBC related): Mugga Quarry expansion project (Feb), Hard Rock Quarry NSW (May), York Park (Aug), Belconnen Trunk Sewer Project (Aug), Federal Golf Club Retirement Village Project (Oct) and Snowy 2.0 (Nov).
- One, ACT Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services: Nature in our City inquiry (June)
- Four, ACT government: Parks and Conservation Service, Draft Reserve Management Plan for Molonglo River Reserve (Mar); EPSDD, EIS exemption for Ginninderry, Stage 2 (April); Access Canberra, development at 117 Kent Street (May), and Chief Minister, increased funding to stop non compliance with illegal dumping of rubbish into reserves, and cat containment. (Oct).
- Two, NSW Department of Environment: horse riding in wilderness (Aug) and Mount Canobolus State Conservation Area draft plan of management (Sept).
- Three, NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee on proposed listings: Werriwa Tablelands Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland (Oct), Monaro Tableland Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland (Oct), and grass *Plinthanthesis rodwayi* (Aug).
- One, NSW Local Land Services on draft management plan and interactive management tool (Dec).

Submissions are placed on the FOG website and summarised in the newsletter. The newsletter also includes items backgrounding issues of concern.

Weekly searches

FOG conducts weekly searches (twice weekly for EPBC matters) of matters likely to have an impact on grassy ecosystems. With short time to respond, the FOG advocacy coordinator, with the assistance of her team, researches the background, prepares a submission, gets agreement and submits the submission - a remarkable effort.

Naarilla Hirsch, FOG's Advocacy Coordinator. In 2017, she was awarded Honorary Life Membership of FOG for her long-time and considerable contribution to FOG.



Advocacy group

The FOG Advocacy Group conducts the weekly searches and researches and writes submissions. The group, which also plays a major role in FOG's networking, consists of Naarilla Hirsch (coordinator), John FitzGerald, Tony Lawson, Jamie Pittock and Geoff Robertson. Several other FOG members provided significant assistance in a number of areas in 2018.

Networking

FOG continued its role of networking, formally and informally, with many agencies, environmental and community groups and participated in presentations and community consultation meetings concerning conservation matters. These engagements provide opportunities to learn and to influence decisions that may have an impact on grassy ecosystems and their management.

Organisations that FOG has key retains with are: Kosciuszko to Coast and partner members; Conservation Council ACT Region and its Biodiversity Working Group; various Commonwealth, NSW and ACT government agencies; ACT Catchment, Landcare and Park Care groups; National Capital Authority; Bush on the Boundary groups and West Belconnen Reference Group; Old Cooma Common Grassland Reserve Management Committee and the Snowy Monaro Region Biosecurity (Weeds) Advisory Committee, ACT Grassy Woodlands Stakeholder Group; Canberra International Airport and Murrumbidgee to Googong Reference Group (aka M2G Pipeline).

Other 2018 initiatives

In 2018 FOG sent a copy of its 2017 annual report to several federal Senators and MPs, several NSW MLAs, ACT MLAs and several senior ACT and NSW officials. There were follow up interviews with some recipients and it opened a few doors. FOG wrote to several politicians regarding the future of York Park and received sympathetic hearing from two. FOG is working on a submission on North Franklin Grassland. It received a \$1000 grant from the Chief Minister to assist with this. Geoff Robertson had radio interviews on the future of York Park, brumbies in the mountains, and vegetation clearing of grasslands.

Membership, governance & finance 2018

Membership

For many years, membership has remained constant around 200. At the end of 2018 it was 221.

FOG members are essentially individuals, comprising landowners and managers, professional scientists, land and park careers, conservationists and naturalists, who as volunteers support the protection and restoration of grassy ecosystems.

Governance

At our AGM in March 2018, the following were elected: Geoff Robertson (President), Kim Pullen (Vice President), Paul Archer (Secretary), Janet Russell (Treasurer), and, as Committee members, Juliey Beckman, Ken Hodgkinson, Tony Lawson, Margaret Ning, Kat Ng, Rainer Rehwinkel and Andrew Zelnik. The committee meets six times annually - meetings are kept to two hours, but each requires preparation of agenda and reports, tabling of correspondence, recording of minutes and filing of papers. In addition, there are separate formal sub-committees to organise activities, advocacy and supported projects. The committee worked effectively. Between meetings, if necessary, the committee takes decisions via email. Several informal committee groups met on an ad hoc basis to deal with certain aspects of on-going work or to develop new initiatives.

Several major areas of FOG's organisational work are managed outside the committee. These include: Newsletter & e-Bulletin (Ann Milligan), Website (Richard Bomford), Facebook (Laura Canackle), Membership & Sales (Sarah Sharp), Advocacy (Naarilla Hirsch), NCA liaison and working bee coordinator (Jamie Pittock), Hall Cemetery coordinator (John Fitz Gerald) and Scottsdale monitoring (Linda Spinaze).

Finance, grants & supported projects, 2018

- FOG received \$23,841 and spent \$27,762. The deficit was attributable to running down unspent grants received which fluctuate from year to year.
- FOG spent \$23,745 on on-ground work.
- Sales, *Grassland Flora* and *Woodland Flora*, \$7955.
- Other income less expenditure of \$857.
- Balance sheet: Assets \$72,574 (bank deposits & books), Liabilities \$7035 (unspent grants), net equity \$65,539. The public account balance was \$1,111.
- Public account donations received \$3821, spent \$3000 on supported projects. Balance \$1111.

FOG sales

Publications are another way to support grassy ecosystems. FOG's flagship publications, *Grassland Flora* and *Woodland Flora* (and other publications that FOG sells), aim to share a knowledge of grassy ecosystems and increase people's skills to identify plants.

Grants received

FOG received four grants: \$6000 (NCA), \$3012 for the Yarramundi Grassland Demonstration Revegetation project (ACT government); \$1000 final payment for the Monaro Golden Daisy project (South East LLS), and \$1000 for a Mitchell Grassland submission (ACT Chief Minister's special grant).

Supported projects

In 2017 and 2018, FOG advertised for applications for grants of \$500 to 1500 for research, education, raising awareness and on ground work associated with grassy ecosystems. Reports on these projects have appeared in our newsletter and one recipient gave a presentation to a committee meeting earlier in the year. In 2018 FOG awarded two supported projects, each of \$1500 funded, one to assist research to a PhD student, and one for an on-ground project.

FOG's contribution to environmental outcomes

For 2018 volunteers contributed 4069 hours to FOG, excluding their attending events. This is valued at \$203,442.

Recognition of Margaret Ning and Sarah Sharp

As mentioned in Highlights 2081, Margaret Ning was awarded an OAM and Sarah Sharp the ACT Environmentalist of the Year. In August Sarah was awarded Honorary Life Member of FOG. Thanks to the FOG awards team for preparing Sarah's nomination.

A survey of FOG committee members and office holders reported that they contributed 488 volunteer days (3907 hours) in 2018 (respondents were asked to report either days (=8 hours) or hours). This excluded time at and travel time to FOG events. It was further estimated that committee members volunteers 162 hours travelling to/from and attending committee meetings. These volunteers hours, valued at \$50 an hour, is \$203,442. This does not include estimates for use of own transport and equipment.

Adding this to \$206,990 value of volunteers attendance at events (see Events 2018), FOG contributed over \$410,432 to environment services in 2018.

A breakdown of 488 volunteers days reveals that 40% is spent on administration, finance, and sales; 20% on researching and preparing submissions, 18% on communications (newsletter, eBulletin, answering queries and public media) and 22% on organising events.

President's report AGM 2019

Geoff Robertson

It is a great privilege to present the President's report to the 2019 FOG AGM, especially as 2018 has been one of great achievement, doing what we do exceptionally well and taking on a number of projects that push out the envelope.

Despite the committee losing several key members in recent years, the 2018 committee of Kim, Paul, Janet, Andrew, Kat, Margaret and Tony with the addition of Juliey, Ken and Rainer has worked very well. While not all committee members have a formal responsibility, each has contributed to our deliberations and assisted others. Further, several non-committee people have taken on major areas of responsibility and handle them well. In most areas of our work, several people are involved and back each other up. We may regard ourselves as fortuitous. Many are also exercising initiative - something to be encouraged.

If we stop and reflect for a moment we may observe how each function works well: Vice President (Kim), Secretary (Paul), Janet (Treasurer, Awards convenor & teams), Supported projects (Andrew Z and team), Membership and sales (Sarah), Activities (Ann, Margaret & team), Newsletter & eBulletin (Ann), Newsletter distribution (team), Website (Richard), Facebook (Laura and me), Advocacy (Naarilla plus team), NCA liaison (Jamie and team), Hall Cemetery & Grassland restoration demonstration project (John), MGD project (Margaret), & Public Officer (Andrew R).

We are in somewhat of a renaissance: members are enthused and talented, administrative functions work well, our finances are in good shape, we continue to attract grants, last year our donations exceeded our supported projects outflows, the newsletter is a remarkable product, our calendar is crowded with great events and there is potential for more, we are getting

good media coverage, and our on-ground work on national land and Hall Cemetery is remarkable as is our relationship with NCA, equally we have a good presence in the Monaro as a result of our MGD grant project.

However, we face many environmental and personal challenges: an anti-science movement, a strong pro native vegetation clearing lobby, ignorance of biodiversity, rapid climate change, poorly considered government economic policy, a growing biodiversity industry, possible federal and NSW government changes, and ageing. Each of these provide positive and negative challenge. The biggest challenge is probably each of us and our own perceptions of inadequacy.

Last year we reached out to new audiences and helped build links with and within the broader grassy ecosystem industry and network. We must continue that. We must promote FOG where all can contribute and debate what is best for grassy ecosystems.

Treasurer's report AGM 2019

Janet Russell

The annual accounts for 2018 and auditor's report have been circulated with papers for the meeting. The Highlight and Membership, governance & finance 2018 sections provide some analysis of the key financial outcome. I would like to thank our auditor, Pauline Hore.

Secretary's report AGM 2019

Paul Archer

FOG recorded 27 items of incoming correspondence and 20 items of outgoing correspondence.

FOG welcomes donations

Donations of \$2+ to assist FOG to conserve grasslands are tax deductible. More info: <http://www.fog.org.au/donations.htm>.



Some committee faces: Kim, Ken, Andrew Zelnik, Andrew Russell (Public Officer), Paul, Rainer, Janet & Geoff

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Monaro golden daisy (MGD), Adaminaby
Taken on FOG's MGD Survey
By Andrew Zelnik

Top: MGD, Dry Plains Road.

Middle: MGD, chamomile sunray, and native bluebell,
Bushrangers Hill Road.

Bottom: MGD plant in flower, Bushrangers Hill Road.

FOG small grants available

FOG offers grants of \$500-\$1500. Closing date
15 April 2019. For more info see: [http://
www.fog.org.au/supportedprojects.htm](http://www.fog.org.au/supportedprojects.htm).