

Friends of Grasslands - special bulletin 2023 No. 3

Supporting native grassy ecosystems

1 June 2023

President's fundraising letter and membership renewal

I am writing specially to you this month to seek your support for FOG's work to conserve grassy ecosystems in two key ways.

In the coming year we need to redouble our efforts to advocate for conservation of endangered Native Temperate Grasslands on the Monaro tablelands following the change of government in NSW. We need to secure a biodiversity network across land tenures in the ACT. We need to ensure that grasslands benefit Federal Government environmental reforms. The (now formally listed under Commonwealth law) endangered Canberra Grassland Earless Dragon needs our ongoing protection against the Canberra Airport Group's road building plans. Further, we will continue to support critical research and on ground projects for conservation of grassy ecosystems. You can help in two ways:

1. Join me in making a tax-deductible donation by 30th June for this critical conservation work.

As President, I will match every donation received from you by the 25th June with a donation of up to \$5,000. This will double the impact of your tax-deductible gift to FOG. Please give generously to help conserve the grassland flora and fauna that we cherish.

2. Renew your membership now.

We are now well into the 2023 FOG membership year, and those who have not yet renewed for 2023 will shortly receive a reminder email or letter. Your subscription supports printing and distribution of our newsletter and general running costs. FoG is entirely non-profit and we keep membership costs as low as practicable.

FOG membership is for a calendar year, please renew as soon as possible to remain a member and continue to receive our newsletter and activities updates (unpaid members will be removed from the mailing list this June).

Your ongoing membership of FOG is the key to our success.

For grassland conservation,

Jamie Pittock, President.

How to make a tax-deductible donation:

Please make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Grasslands Public Fund by June 25th by:

- **Direct debit:** account name "Friends of Grasslands Public Fund", BSB 633000, a/c 153493960 (Bendigo Bank). Please include your name and notify our treasurer treasurer@fog.org.au to receive your tax-deductible receipt and to advise your preference for use, if any.
- **Cheque:** payable to "Friends of Grasslands Public Fund". Mail to Treasurer, Friends of Grasslands Inc., PO box 440, Jamison Centre, ACT 2614. Include your name and postal address to receive your tax-deductible receipt and also include your preference for use, if any.

How to renew your membership:

Membership costs \$30 for individual, or family, or not for profit organisation, \$10 concession for student or pensioner, and \$60 for other corporate bodies. *Membership is on a calendar year basis*.

Pay by Direct Debit: BSB 633 000 Account 124770835 Include 'M'ship' and your name in the reference

If posting a cheque or money order (payable to Friends of Grasslands) and/or your membership details, send them to:

FOG Membership
PO Box 440 Jamison Centre ACT 2614

You will get all issues of the <u>newsletter</u> for the calendar year. <u>Use the membership form</u> (<u>Word version</u>) (or this <u>pdf version</u>) to send us any updated details of your name, address, telephone number and e-mail. Email to: <u>membership@fog.org.au</u>