

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday 21 August 2013

ACT Sport House

100 Maitland Street Hackett

7:30 pm — 9:45 pm

NCCC attendees: Bruce Smith, David Teather, Pam Graudenz, Marianne Albury-Colless, Geoff Davidson, Waltraud Prix, Leon Arundell, Marcus Hipkins, Chris Emery, Sabine Friedrich.

Apologies Richard Larson, Jochen Zeil.

Visitors and presenters: David Moore (consultant), Ted Schultheis, Cathy Hudson (ACT Economic Development Directorate EDD), Rebecca Stockley (consultant), Ted Shorecross (Open Spaces).

1. Chair: introduction, attendance and apologies.

2. Presentation from officers of the ACT EDD on both the environment assessment for Block 9 Section 64 Watson under the provisions of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*, and the Downer local centre re-development proposal.

- Block 9 Section 64 Watson

The ACT's Land Development Agency (LDA) expects to see a response from the Cwlth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC) by mid-October on Block 9 Section 64. Community engagement including a telephone survey will recommence after receipt of the report.

It was noted that when this land was set aside the ACT Government provided a system for volunteers to improve the area and, while there had been an intention to allow development on 20 per cent of the area, this intention was not made clear to the community.

See XXXX (EDD Powerpoint presentation) for further detail.

- Downer local centre redevelopment proposal

It was noted that the planning report is scheduled to be presented to ACTPLA on 22 August. Various concerns were raised including ease of access and exit and impact on traffic flow; proximity as in walking distance to primary schools as all schools within the vicinity can only be accessed by crossing busy roads.

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*For information from the Downer Community Association please see:*

[www.downercommunityassociation.org/planning.html](http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/planning.html)

3. Discussion on the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy. The final study for 2013—2023 was tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 8 August 2013 for its consideration. See consultation report and strategy at

[www.environment.act.gov.au/cpr/draft\\_nature\\_conservation\\_strategy\\_consultation](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/cpr/draft_nature_conservation_strategy_consultation)

4. Discussion on the review of the ACT Water for the Future strategy. The final report dated July 2013 is available

[www.thinkwater.act.gov.au/permanent\\_measures/the\\_act\\_water\\_strategy.shtml](http://www.thinkwater.act.gov.au/permanent_measures/the_act_water_strategy.shtml)

The deadline for comments is Friday August 30.

**Action: Leon will progress comments and welcomes input.**

5. Draft minutes from July 17 forum were accepted.

Discussion on whether NCCC Constitution requires changing to avoid the instability and uncertainty that recently occurred in the Belconnen Community Council. The NCCC has obtained a copy of the draft constitution prepared by the Belconnen Community Council on 14 July 2013 which could be a starting point for consideration.

6. Other business:

AGM to be held on September 18 and will include refreshments.

**Action 1: Leon to invite Greg Mews, Active Living Coordinator with the National Heart Foundation.**

**Action 2: Refreshments to be organised.**

Ted Shorecross described the concerns of Open Spaces regarding reduction of land available for recreation purposes with expansion of redevelopment activities and/or change to leases e.g. Braddon Club redevelopment. These changes impact on both amenity and the health and wellbeing of the community.

Motion carried for NCCC to put in an application in response to the proposal by the Canberra Raiders to de-concessionalise the lease of Block 5 Section 30 i.e. the Braddon Club and car park.

**Action: Greg Davidson and Leon Arrundell will progress to meet deadline of 23 August '13.**

Meeting close.