

**NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.**  
**DRAFT MINUTES, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013**  
**– TO BE VERIFIED AT 2014 AGM**

ACT SPORTS HOUSE  
100 Maitland Street Hackett  
7.30 – 9:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013

**1) Welcome, Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:** Richard Larson, Jochen Zeil, Paul Costigan, Waltraud Pix, Leon Arundell, Daniel Arundell, Robyn McCluskey, Bruce Smith, Marianne Albury-Colless, Geoff Davidson

**Apologies:** Mike Hettinger, Caroline Le Couteur, Phillip Kirby

**2) Guest speaker: Dr Greg Mews, Active Living Coordinator with the National Heart Foundation. Topic: “Making Cities fit for life.”**

Greg gave the meeting an in-depth briefing on the Active Living toolbox for creating liveable places and spaces that support active living. Active Living is a way of life that integrates physical and recreation activities into everyday routines to encourage healthier lifestyles. Special examples were given to demonstrate where liveable places and spaces have been created in the urban environment. Lively interaction between the speaker and audience ensued during and after the talk.

**3) Special resolution to change the Constitution of the North Canberra Community Council.**

The proposed changes to clauses 15 and 26 of the constitution were read out to the meeting.

Jochen Zeil moved that the changes be adopted.

Marianne Albury-Colless seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by the assembly.

**4) Read and confirm the draft minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting, and note any actions arising**

The draft minutes of the 2012 AGM were circulated. There were no actions arising.

Geoff Davidson moved that the minutes be adopted.

Waltraud Pix seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by the assembly.

**5) Chair's report**

Leon Arundell presented the Chair's report. The key issue identified by the Chair was difficulty in engaging more fully with the wider north Canberra community. One of the reasons given is that there are relatively few active community associations in several suburbs. The council depends on local suburban groups for encouragement and support. (See below)

Richard Larson moved that the Chair's report be adopted.

The motion was carried by the assembly.

## 6) Treasurer's Report

Bruce Smith presented the Treasurer's Report and circulated copies of the auditor's report and statement of income and expenditure for perusal. Total income was \$12,580.96 and total expenditure \$12,199.81, leaving a net surplus of \$381.45. The main expense was a total of \$7,775.00 for sponsorship and community group support.

Jochen Zeil moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Marianne Albury-Colless seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by the assembly.

## 7) Appointment of Auditor

The appointment of Auditor was considered in the Treasurer's Report. Graeme Lindner was approached by the council to act in the capacity for 2014, and he has accepted.

## 8) Election of Office Bearers

Written nominations were received for all committee positions apart from Deputy Chair. Mike Hettinger had agreed to stand for Deputy Chair prior to the meeting. There being no other nominations, the committee members were endorsed by the assembly and duly elected:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Richard Larson	Marianne Albury-Colless	Jochen Zeil
Deputy Chair	Michael Hettinger	Richard Larson	Jochen Zeil
Treasurer	Bruce Smith	Geoff Davidson	Richard Larson
Secretary	Leon Arundell	Richard Larson	Geoffrey Davidson
Public Officer	Jochen Zeil	Richard Larson	Leon Arundell
Committee	Marianne Albury-Colless	Richard Larson	Leon Arundell
Committee	Waltraud Pix	Richard Larson	Bruce Smith
Committee	Geoff Davidson	Richard Larson	Leon Arundell

## 9) Other business

Marianne Albury-Colless moved that that General Meetings continue to be held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month throughout 2014, excluding December and January.

Jochen Zeil seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by the assembly.

## **North Canberra Community Council Chair's report Annual General meeting 16 October 2013**

### **What is the North Canberra Community Council?**

The NCCC is the umbrella organisation for residents, residents' associations and community groups in Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Dickson, Downer, Duntroon, Hackett, Lyneham, North Lyneham, O'Connor, Pialligo., Reid, Russell, Turner and Watson.

The role of the NCCC is to Inform the community about issues concerning North Canberra, provide a forum for the concerns of the community, and to ensure that legislators and officials are fully informed about community needs and expectations.

### **What did the NCCC do in 2013?**

I thank Deputy Chair Mike Hettinger, Secretary Richard Larson, Treasurer Bruce Smith, Public Officer Jochen Zeil and Committee Members Waltraud Pix, Geoff Davidson, Greg Haughey and Marianne Albury-Colless for their contributions to the Council and to the north Canberra community. It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with you.

In the past year we have:

- Maintained a website, with support from Lance Williamson;
- participated in the Planning and Development Forum and the Combined Community Councils;
- been represented on the Community Aviation Consultative Group by Bob Ross of the Pialligo Residents' Association;
- Supported the publication of a "Majura's Treasures" booklet by the Conservation Council;
- Lodged submissions on the size of the ACT Legislative Assembly, on the proposed release for **medium density residential use** of Section 64 Block 9 in north Watson, and on the Draft Gungahlin Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Pursued issues relating to a variation to the Territory Plan that contrary to the Planning and Development Act was implemented as Technical Amendment 2012-06, and which complicated the ACT planning system by creating Precincts for every remaining Canberra suburb, and by creating overlying district Precincts that cover the entire ACT. Senior officials of the Environment and Sustainable Development twice misled the Planning and Development Forum in relation to this variation. We have joined with other Community Councils in asking the Minister for clarification of a number of issues that have arisen from this variation.
- Provided monthly reports for publication in the Chronicle;
- Supported residents and residents' associations by contributing to Mount Ainslie Weeders, Living Streets Canberra; and
- Conducted monthly public meetings, which among other things were used by Domain Design Projects, the Walker Corporation, Purdon Associates, the Canberra District Rugby League Club and the Hellenic Club to satisfy pre-Development-Application consultation requirements that came into force in December 2012;
- Presenters at our meetings included:
  - Noel McCann, Canberra Airport's Director of Planning and Public Relations, at

our March meeting

- Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Corrections, Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and Ageing
- Tony Gill, Director of Roads ACT, on local traffic issues; and
- Cathy Hudson, Deputy Director-General of the Economic Development Directorate, on Block 9 Section 64 Watson and the Downer Centre redevelopment.

We are currently appealing against the planning and land authority's decision to remove the concessional status of the lease for the Braddon Club. Removal of the concessional status of the lease is one step towards the Canberra District Ruby Leagues Club's plan to redevelop the site as a residential and commercial complex, and sell it off. We believe that the site will be more valuable to the growing central Canberra community if it is retained for recreational or community purposes.

### **What do I think will be our key issues for 2013?**

Engaging the Community: We also need to become better at engaging the North Canberra community, by better publicising our existence and by working more closely with residents' associations.

Planning. Technical Amendment 2012-06 added layers of complexity to the Territory Plan. The best outcome that I can envisage is a full planning inquiry. This will only happen if we maintain pressure on the Government.

Redevelopment of older suburbs: The ACT Government is reducing urban sprawl by increasing residential density in older suburbs. Our specific focus as we enter 2014 is to retain the Braddon Club site for recreational or community purposes. The redevelopment of the nearby Allawah, Bega and Currong flats is likely to remain contentious.

Traffic: We have proposed a local or regional traffic study for north Canberra. Canberra's light rail will help to reduce the number of cars travelling through north Canberra, but will add to the pressure for higher residential densities along the Northbourne Avenue Corridor.