



**DRAFT MINUTES: NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 pm TUESDAY 20 October 2015
Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

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GUEST PRESENTATION/S

7.30 pm. **Vicki Dunne MLA**, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
The ACT Legislative Assembly and the Role of the Speaker.

The speaker provided an informative and entertaining overview of the role of the ACT speaker and how it compares with the roles of speakers in other jurisdictions around the world, and provided a Speaker's perspective on events that have happened in the Legislative Assembly.

A video of the presentation is available at
<https://youtu.be/BUNbwdovb6M>

8 pm. **Towards a transport policy for the North Canberra Community Council** NCCC Committee member Marcus Hipkins presented a draft transport policy, which generated significant discussion.

The meeting agreed for the Council to circulate the draft policy to members, resident groups and other interested groups, together with advice on how to return comments, preferably in time to allow a new version to be presented at the next General Meeting on 17 November.

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Geoff Davidson, Marcus Hipkins, Marianne Albury-Colless (Committee), Alison Oakeshott, C Skene, Caroline Le Couteur, Chris Emery, Denis O'Brien, Jane Goffman, Jo Sladic, John Convine, John Lieber, John Tucker, Max Pouwer, Neil Parsons, Rob Wilson, Steve Dospot.

Observers: Vicki Dunne, Clinton White, Robyn d'Arcy, Chris Inglis, Stephen Forster.

Apologies: Brian and Betty Hill, Pam Graudenz.

Confirm the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting 15 October 2014 and General Meeting 15 September

The minutes of the 15 October 2014 Annual General Meeting were accepted (Moved Geoff Davidson, seconded Jane Goffman).

The minutes of the 15 September 2015 General Meeting were accepted (Moved Denis O'Brien, seconded Alison Oakeshott).

Reports on actions arising from the Minutes

Refer to discussions below.

Confirmation of the agenda

The agenda was agreed.

Declaration of potential conflicts of interest

Mike: O'Connor Community Incorporated; voting member of the Labor Club

Leon: Living Streets & Conservation Council

Greg: Brindabella Christian College.

Marcus lives on Chisholm St, which may be affected by traffic issues.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016

The Secretary advised that one written nomination had been received for each of the positions of Chair, Deputy Chair and Honorary Secretary, that four written nominations had been received for the five vacant Committee positions, and that no written nomination had been received for Honorary Treasurer.

As the number of nominations for Chair, Deputy Chair and Honorary Secretary was equal to the number of vacancies, the three nominees were taken to be elected.

As insufficient nominations were received to fill the number of vacant Committee positions, the four candidates were deemed to be elected.

Further nominations were invited for the positions of Honorary Treasurer and ordinary Committee Member.

The only nominee at the meeting was Bruce Smith, who nominated to continue as Honorary Treasurer.

The Committee members elected for 2015-16 were thus:

Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair),

Leon Arundell (Honorary Secretary), Bruce Smith (Honorary Treasurer),

|Geoff Davidson, Marcus Hipkins, Marianne Albury-Colless, Denis O'Brien.

REPORTS

Chair's Report. The Chair gave a report on the activities of NCCC during the last preceding financial year.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer provided an audited statement of accounts and auditor's report.

The meeting accepted the statement of accounts and the auditor's report, and agreed to pay the auditor's fee of \$220.

(Moved Bruce Smith, Seconded Geoff Davidson.)

Report on Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting.

The Secretary reported on the Committee meetings of October 6 and 20:

- Sarah Chidgey, David Bibo and Cheryl Bibo had been accepted as members.
- The Chair has arranged to include the Hackett Community Association, O'Connor Community Incorporated and Lyneham Community Association in our insurance cover, and is awaiting confirmation from the Canberra City Residents' Association.
- Our November guest presenter will be Giulia Jones MLA.
- We made a submission on Development Application 201528206 (21 Torrens St Braddon).
- We forwarded to the Combined Community Councils a list of members' issues, for its 2016 election manifesto.
- We agreed to donate \$2,500 to the Environmental Defender's Office.

Combined Community Councils

The North Canberra Community Council hosted the Combined Community Councils on 10 October. Five of the seven Councils attended, and agreed to a set of Operating Procedures.

Residents' Associations (Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, O'Connor, Pialligo, Reid, Turner, Watson).

Dickson: The *Dicksonia Magnifica* Facebook page now has 460 followers.

Coles-DOMA has asked for an extension of time for re-submission of its Development Application for the current Woolworths car park. The Association will obtain legal advice on Minister's ability to require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

The revised proposal to use part of Dickson Section 72 "Parklands" for temporary parking during construction of the Coles-DOMA project has saved some trees and reduced the number of additional parking spaces from 108 to 74.

There is a major parking overflow from Daramalan into residential streets. Need a public meeting on parking & related issues.

Knockdown-rebuilds often breach normal construction practice, apparently including proper disposal of asbestos. The Council agreed to refer this issue to the Combined Community Councils.

There is an impetus to create a group to promote a connected open space and corridor project within the Sullivan's Creek catchment.

Turner: Upgrade of Turner parkland is a priority. A major issue has been attempting to stop the Barry Drive bus layover. Resident pressure appears to have prevented the proposal to use of some of the parkland for an ANU child care centre. The Association supports the formation Sullivan's Creek corridor group, and is keeping a watching brief on the future of Haig Park.

Reid: The Reid Residents' Association has written to Planning Minister Mick Gentleman about the proposal to relocate Floriade to Glebe Park.

There is concern about parking on nature strips, and about putting gardens around the trunks of street trees, which can damage the trees.

Chris Emery has been appointed to the Capital Metro Authority's City Community Reference Group, which is yet to have its first meeting.

The 10th Reid Open Houses & Gardens event will be held on Sunday 1 November. For information and bookings, see the [National Trust website](#).

Lyneham. Rob Wilson is the new Chair. The Association supports the "Microcosm" system, which supports the "ownership" of open spaces that is felt by people who live in inner city areas and provides them with an avenue for consultation on the management of those open spaces.

Braddon: Concern about parking on nature strips. Noted that Berlin uses protective bollards next to trees, that serve to protect the trees and also serve as bicycle racks.

Planning and Development Forum 15 October

NCCC advised the Chair of its understanding that a Government official had threatened legal action for defamation in relation to matters that the Directorate has published in the records of the Planning and Development Forum, and that the NCCC wished to place on record that the NCCC did not mislead the last Planning and Development Forum meeting of 2013.

The Director-General of Planning and Development provided a [key activities report](#) which, together with minutes of previous meetings, is available at http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/your_say/panels/plan_dev_forum

The Active Travel Office advised that a cyclists code of conduct is being developed, and that a community engagement/awareness strategy is being developed for safer cycling reforms that will come into effect on 1 November. These will include a trial of a 1 metre minimum distance for passing bicycles.

NCCC told the meeting that despite its 2004 target of increasing public transport patronage to 9% by 2011, the Government had failed to increase patronage from its 2006 figure of 8% and that, despite its 2012 commitment to a 10.5% mode share by 2016, bus boardings from 2011 to 2014 had failed to keep pace with population.

The Active Travel Office advised that the Government is implementing a number of measures to increase mode share, but did not provide any estimates of their expected impact.

Basin Priority Project: Survey results indicate that many people are unaware that leaf fall significantly affects water quality, and that people generally prefer more natural approaches (e.g. wetlands) to hard engineering such as gross pollutant traps.

Exotic mosquito-eating fish are being used to control mosquito populations in urban water bodies.

The number of potential projects for the \$85 million in Commonwealth funding have been narrowed down to 178, with a total cost of over \$1 billion, using “coarse filter” analysis. Multi Criteria Analysis is being used to short-list the remaining projects. The final ranking will be done using cost benefit analysis. Maintenance cost to the ACT will be a significant factor, as the Commonwealth funding will not cover ongoing costs.

The draft outline is due with the Commonwealth Government by 3 December, and the final report is due by 26 February 2016.

NCCC told the meeting that Multi Criteria Analysis, which has been described by respected economists Leo Dobes and Jeff Bennett as “[junk evaluation](#),” could prematurely eliminate highly cost-effective projects from consideration because it tends to favour large expensive projects over smaller projects that offer better value for money, and offered to provide further advice.

Fragmented Planning. This issue, which had been raised by the NCCC, generated significant discussion, including:

- Major changes being made without associated planning studies
- A proposal to permit residential use by including block-specific exemptions in a Precinct Map rather than simply re-zoning
- The minimum size of residential blocks that can be subdivided is being determined by the past activities of Mr Fluffy, rather than according to planning principles.
- the examples given were a tiny percentage of the total number of changes.
- some changes do not accurately reflect the 2012 Planning Strategy
- ACTPLA and the LDA have different objectives and don't always work well together
- the Government response to Draft Variation 306 recommended community consultation on statements of “desired character” in Precinct Codes.
- EPD is was reluctant to do “spot” variations to the Territory Plan.
- need for real consultation
- mistrust of Government
- push for development tends to over-ride planning principles
- Development Application consultations have become “tick the box” exercises
- the community is “getting very jack of the consultation process”

Statement of Planning Intent – Planning Minister Mick Gentleman is expected to release the Statement before Christmas.

Coles-DOMA Dickson supermarket development: The proponents have asked for an extension of time for the reconsideration of their DA. The revised DA will be put out for public consultation.

The December meeting will consider green infrastructure and vegetation mapping, and the Northbourne-City corridor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion: *That the NCCC recommends to the Minister for Planning, that the Planning and Development Act require Development Applications to include traffic management plans for the duration of building works.*

The motion was not put.

John Lieber agreed to develop the concept of a bond for Development Applications, to address traffic and/or other issues, and bring the proposal to the November meeting.

Temporary car park on Block 13, Section 72 Dickson

The Government proposes to use this block, which is adjacent to the Dickson swimming pool, as a car park for Dickson during the construction of the Coles-DOMA development on what is currently a car park between Woolworths and Antill Street.

The meeting agreed that Jane Goffman could draft a letter on this matter, for the Chair to send subject to the agreement of the Committee.

Development control plans for Yowani Country Club and Lyneham Sports Precinct

[Draft Development Control Plan 15/05 - Yowani Country Club](#)

[Draft Development Control Plan 15/06 - Lyneham Sports Precinct](#)

The meeting noted that comments are due by 28 October.

2015-16 Fire season

The meeting noted that the Government has recently commenced to provide the public with information about fire hazards.

Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.45 pm, due to lack of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE, OR AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

- Possible NCCC stall at Party at the WATSON shops Thursday 5 November
- Reid Residents' Association letter on Floriade