



**Minutes: North Canberra Community Council General Meeting  
7.30 pm TUESDAY 17 May 2016  
Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

*Accepted 21 June*

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**GUEST PRESENTATION**

**Emma Thomas**, Director-General, Capital Metro Agency.

A video of the presentation has been posted at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xVOJX7JW\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xVOJX7JW_A)

The presentation and Q&A session covered a range of topics including:

- members' questions on travel times, seating, changing transport modes for one trip, traffic impacts, and future No 39 bus operations, that had been forwarded to Ms Thomas prior to the meeting
- integration of buses, light rail and taxis;
- the Government's commitment to 10.5% of journeys to work by public transport by 2016;
- flexible bus services;
- a bus trip even to an adjacent suburb may require a change of buses;
- the cost of the light rail contract that was signed earlier on the day.

During the discussion Emma invited NCCC members and others to participate in a public transport survey. The NCCC undertook to send the link to its membership and encourage them to respond and to encourage others to do so to especially those who do not use public transport, The survey can be found at <http://haveyoursay.transportcanberra.act.gov.au/public-transport-survey>

**STANDING ITEMS**

**Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Marcus Hipkins, Denis O'Brien, Geoff Davidson (Committee members), Sue Dyer, Jane Goffman, Kathy Platt, John Lieber, Neil Parsons;

Part of meeting: Mike Smith, Cecilia Skene, Leah Dwyer, Jo Sladic, Rob Wilson, Colin Haining, Claire Latimer, Lyn Grigg, Betty Hill,

Apologies: Chris Emery, Consie Larmour, Marianne Albury-Colless, Joan Kellett.

Observers: Kate Angus, Helen Merritt, Colleen Edwards, Gillian Hellyer, Cedric Bryant, Bruce Pink, Steven (Sansberg?), Brian Hill, Rich Dean.

### **Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting 19 April**

#### **Declaration of Committee conflicts of interest**

Mike Hettinger: ACT Labor party member. O'Connor Community Inc.; voting member of the Labor Club

Leon Arundell: Living Streets & Conservation Council

Greg Zwajgenberg: Brindabella Christian College.

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

Geoff Davidson: member of the Environmental Defender's Office.

Denis O'Brien. ALP member.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Since the previous General Meeting the Committee has:**

- included the Reid and Turner Residents' Associations under the its umbrella, for insurance purposes;
- hosted a second meeting with north Canberra residents' groups, to consider how we can more effectively work together;
- approved a \$50 contribution towards the cost of a Combined Community Councils election forum.
- accepted new members Claire Latimer, Collin Haining, Emma Field and Candice Burch;
- prepared a list of projects to be funded from our accumulated unspent grant funds;
- agreed that the Canberra Raiders may plant Alister Clark varieties other than "Black Boy" around the perimeter of the Northbourne Oval;
- agreed to spend up to \$2,000 on equipment to allow us to live stream our meetings.

##### **Treasurer's report**

Bruce reported that we have approximately \$30,000 in the bank.

##### **Residents' Associations**

Dickson reported that:

- it had made submissions on the City and Urban Gateway Urban Renewal discussion paper, on the Coles-DOMA development application, and on solar access guidelines;
- there is a proposal to review the Dickson Master Plan, probably in 2017;
- Their Facebook page now has 531 followers; good news stories get more responses;
- *A Friends of Dickson* group has been established;

- There is a proposal to redevelop the Majura Community Centre in Dickson Section 72, possibly to accommodate the Seniors Centre in Turner.

### **Combined Community Councils**

No report.

### **Draft Transport Position Paper**

Motion: *“The North Canberra Community Council endorses the draft transport position paper as modified at the meeting.”*

Agreed. (Moved Leon Arundell; seconded John Lieber.)

### **Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson**

#### **Dickson Section 72, “Parklands”**

#### **Planning and Development Forum**

No report.

### **Community Aviation Consultative Group**

No report.

### **Proposed changes to the NCCC Constitution**

Discussion of a paper on constitutional changes that are proposed for the October 2016 Annual General Meeting.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Motion: placement of 40 km/h signs**

*“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to review the placement of 40 km/h speed limit signs in the Dickson Shopping Centre, and introduce complementary road markings, to improve compliance with the 40 km/h speed limit.”*

Agreed. (Moved Denis O'Brien; seconded Leon Arundell).

### **Motion: pedestrian crossing on Majura Avenue**

*“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to install a pedestrian crossing of Majura Avenue, between Cowper Street and Wakefield Avenue.”*

Agreed. (Moved Leon Arundell; seconded John Lieber).

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion:** *That we reimburse Jane Goffman up to \$550 for Dickson Residents' Group expenses.*

Agreed. (Moved John Lieber; seconded Bruce Smith).

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