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## **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**Surviving Crime:** presentation by Frances Rose OAM

Frances Rose was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her work in victims' rights, restorative justice and police and law reform,

Video at <https://youtu.be/bsBOdPp77Ko>

**Development of a Master Plan for Haig Park.** Karen Wilden, Director, Office of the Coordinator General – Urban Renewal.

A video of the presentation is available at: <https://youtu.be/PS0SjagdFZ0>

## **Committee decisions**

Jhay Mann has resigned, to devote more time to the Dickson Village Traders' Association.

Membership applications were accepted from Max Ginpil and Anne Andonovski.

Youth engagement: The Committee agreed to ask local colleges and universities how best to facilitate youth input.

Recent burglaries in Reid: The Committee is liaising with Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

Northern Canberra Region National Park Feasibility Reference Group: Jochen Zeil will represent the Council on the reference group.

**Combined Community Councils** meeting 11 Feb.

The Councils have arranged a meeting with Environment and Planning Directorate Deputy Director-General Gary Rake, to discuss Territory Plan precinct codes, technical amendments and draft variations.

Councils are seeking to work on town centre issues, with a focus on Woden Town Centre.

Other issues include heat island effects, densification, public land and ACTEWAGL

## **Icon Water Community Consultative Forum**

Icon Water has put a lot of thought into the proposed restructure of its tariff, but does not seem to be doing a good job of explaining them to the public.

**Lower Cotter catchment management.** The catchment is to be zoned so that some areas are to be kept pristine and walkers will be allowed in some areas. Feral pigs, sambar and red deer are to be eliminated. Aboriginal people should be consulted. See the [YourSay website](#).

**Financial report:** Our grant for 2016-17 has been received.

## **Residents' Associations**

Downer Community Association thanked us for funding their new sign.

Reid. Committee members of the Reid Residents Association recently walked around Reid with MLA Caroline Le Couteur. It was noted that there are some activities that breach heritage, parking and planning regulations including: wire mesh fences are being erected; flouting of 2-hour parking signs; parking on verges that impact on tree health and gardens planted around trees that contribute to trees being infected with collar rot.

Further, a recent spate of burglaries, often at night and in six or more streets, has targeted items such as laptops and iPhones, and resulted in car damage. ACT Police is willing to work with the Reid Residents Association and the NCCC.

Lyneham A successful Summer Soiree resulted in 25 new members.

Dickson. The Flix'n Dickson movie night was a great success with about 200 people, including lots of kids. The next movie night is scheduled for 10 March and they hope to make this a monthly event. The Tradies contributed \$300,000 for the "Dickson-find your flavour" campaign. The ACAT appeal against the proposed supermarket development is scheduled for a further 6 days of hearings in March. Hearings are relocating to the ANU Moot Court, room 317 in the Law School on Fellows Road. Traffic evidence will be heard on 6-7 March, and other matters on 20 - 23 March. Traffic information has been revised, but there are concerns that it still doesn't properly address the issues. A meeting of traffic experts was rescheduled to 23 February. Dickson Residents Group offered a vote of thanks to Miles Boak for the many days he's taken off work to attend the Jo Sladic and Charter Hall v ACTPLA hearing

An analysis of local variations in land values, per sq m, for rates purposes, has identified anomalies that suggest a problem with the valuation methodology.

Two Draft Variations are expected soon, for Section 72 (the area east of the Dickson swimming pool) and for redevelopment of the Lyneham Motor Inn. The variation for Section 72 is expected to allow 2-storey residential developments on the former Downer Club and Salvation Army sites – possibly to allow a Common Ground development for low-cost supportive housing for people who have experienced chronic homelessness.

## **Lake Burley Griffin Guardians**

Lake Burley Griffin Guardians was formed in February 2015 and became incorporated February 2016. Our concern is for the lake environment that is being subsumed bit by bit and the lack of a future vision as noted in the following points:

- Lack of intergovernmental arrangements to ensure an overarching management of the Lake, including a whole of lake master plan and management plan that would cover cultural and environmental values.
- The impact on the lake's social and recreation environment by the appropriation of Acton Park West Basin Development.
- The development proposed at West Basin will result in serious blighting of the vista across the lake when viewed from Commonwealth Avenue

from Vernon Circle to the Bridge and the serious blighting of Commonwealth Avenue itself – the iconic route to Australia's Parliament.

- At a public meeting in July 2016 hosted by the Guardians, the meeting venue was packed and the public hostile to the proposed West Basin development. Yet our calls for the Government to review the project are unheeded.
- Grevillea Park on the south side of Lake Burley Griffin has been divided into 4 boat club sites for sale. To date (January 2017) one had been sold. There has been NO site left as public open space. The ACT Government claims the public will have access to the thin strip of land in front of the club houses.
- The lost opportunities to improve the park to make it a wonderful public venue.

Over the last 2 years the Guardians have been very active, holding meetings with politicians and officials to ensure they are aware of our concerns. We have engaged with stakeholders who use the lake in a recreation capacity, local citizens and national visitors. We held a public meeting in July 2016 with government officials stating a case for the West Basin development and 250 participants unanimously objecting to it. A petition with 606 signatures stating concerns and requesting changes was sent to and received by Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash, Minister for the National Capital.

For 2017, the Guardians have planned a program of meetings with Members of the ACT Government to ensure they are fully aware of the constraints and impacts of the West Basin, City to the Lake proposal. As well, the Guardians have a number of concerns to put again to the Minister for the National Capital, the National Capital Authority (NCA), the NCA Board and the NCA Design Review Panel.

The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians greatly appreciates being invited to have representation at the NCCC meeting. As our Lake concerns cover the interest of a few Canberra Community and heritage groups, we may not be able to have a member attend the NCCC meeting in person. Nonetheless the Guardians desire to stay informed with shared meeting notes. We know this can be of mutual benefit to both our groups. We invite you to liaise with us and ask questions at any time. We have commenced having open monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday of every month and if you have an interest in the Guardians you are welcome to attend.

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