

PRESENTATION

The North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) noted the presentation ‘Only Rain Down the Stormwater Drain’, presented by Kathryn Rook from Catchment Education.

STANDING ITEMS

1 Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was attended by Denis O’Brien (Chair), Marianne Albury-Colless, Marcus Hipkins, Elizabeth Lee MLA (Member of ACT Legislative Assembly), as well as four additional members of the community.

Greg Zwajgenberg and Mike Hettinger were apologies.

2 Acknowledgement of country

The NCCC acknowledged the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners of the land upon which the meeting was held.

3 Declaration of potential conflicts of interest

The NCCC noted the following declarations of potential conflicts of interest:

1. Denis O’Brien (member of the Australian Labour Party).
2. John Lieber (member of the ACT Greens).
3. Greg Zwajgenberg (affiliated with Brindabella Christian College).
4. Jane Goffman (engaged to provide consultancy services to Brindabella Christian College).

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Chair noted recent changes in the membership of the NCCC and suggested that it was an opportune time to revisit the purview of the NCCC.
2. The NCCC noted that the task of monitoring and analysing development applications was extremely resource intensive and flagged two developments in particular for observation:
 - a. Proposed residential and commercial development on Constitution Avenue – the NCCC noted discrepancies in representations on the size of the development.
 - b. Proposed registration of Haig Park as a heritage listed area – the NCCC noted that an early version of the draft plan for the areas of Haig Park proposed for

heritage listing did not include the existing inlet parking. This was a cause of concern for some members as it left those areas exposed for further development in an area originally intended as a windbreak. The NCCC agreed to engage with the upcoming consultation process due to commence in May 2017.

3. The NCCC noted that the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy was convening a meeting on 30 April 2017 for all Canberra community councils to discuss transparency issues with consultation processes in the ACT and discuss strategies for a way forward.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The NCCC will meet next on 16 May 2017.