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Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of the residents of North Canberra

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NCCC e-newsletter

Dear North Canberra Community

In September, the NCCC hosted its first online Candidates Forum on Zoom. The event, which was put together in partnership with the RiotACT and hosted by Canberra journalist and Region Media Group Editor Genevieve Jacobs, discussed a number of important issues for North Canberra residents, from planning issues to local health services.

We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Forum a successful event, including the members who contributed questions and to Genevieve for hosting the event. A recording of the discussion is now available [online](#).

NCCC updates

- **Key ACT election issues for the NCCC:** in the leadup to the Candidates Forum, the NCCC Chair spoke with the RiotACT about some of the key issues affecting North Canberra for the upcoming ACT election.

The conversation, which ranged from specific planning compliance issues to a broader discussion about the feeling held by many North Canberra residents that citizens are given a limited say in how the suburbs are developed, is part of a series of articles by the RiotACT focussing on issues raised by Canberra's Community Councils. You can read the article [here](#).

- **Reforms to the Development Application (DA) process:** The Planning Directorate has recently announced a number of changes to pre-DA consultation requirements, following the outcomes of the implementation review that concluded earlier this year.

A number of outcomes from the review, which recommended included additional measures aimed at improving compliance with the DA completeness check process, will be implemented as part of the new requirements for DAs.

Further information on the new requirements, which will apply to DAs lodged on or after 1 January 2021, is available at the Directorate's [website](#).

You can find out about new Development Applications in your area, including information on how to lodge a submission, by accessing [this](#) ACT Government website.

Local News and Updates

- **Kings Park Improvement Strategy:** The National Capital Authority is preparing to undertake works as part of the Kings Park Improvement Strategy to create a more 'user friendly' precinct to accommodate to the growing activity in the area, including new arrangements for vehicular access and improved safety for pedestrians and cycling.

The proposal will also increase car parking in the park by up to 50 spaces, provide car-parking near Blundells Cottage and increase tree canopy cover. The consultation on the project closes 16 October. You can find more details on the NCA's [website](#).

- **Update on UNSW Canberra City development:** The UNSW has recently advised the NCCC that the Draft Master Plan for its City campus (which will be based at the old CIT site in Reid) is currently being reviewed by the ACT planning authorities.

Following the review (which is expected to take a couple of months) the next phase of the community consultation process will commence and the plan will be released for wider consideration. At this point, UNSW may be invited to give a presentation on the proposal at a future NCCC General Meeting.

Treasurer's Update

The NCCC has received a number of funding requests in response to the callout for proposals for the 2020-21 financial year, which will be considered over the next month.

If you are an inner north resident undertaking an activity in 2020-21 that you think may be eligible, we encourage you to contact the NCCC either directly or via your local Residents Association for more information.

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