

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

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## AGENDA

General meeting 7.00pm Wednesday 15 July 2020  
Hosted online, via Zoom

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### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Jane Goffman provided a presentation on the historical Dickson aerodrome site and its recent heritage nomination.
2. Transport Canberra's presentation updated the NCCC on the recent revisions to the bus timetable.
3. Canberra Health Services presented on the new Dickson Walk-in Medical Centre.

### STANDING ITEMS

- 1) **Attendance:** Chris Finnigan (minute taker), Jochen Zeil, Bruce Smith, Marcus Hipkins, Marg Dudley, Margaret Henderson, Sue Dyer, Jane Goffman, Gordon McAllister, Marianne Albury-Colless, Simon Clarke, Paul Costigan, Rebecca Vassarotti, Elizabeth Lee.
- 2) **Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:**
  - a) The NCCC confirmed the minutes of the 19 November 2019 General Meeting.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### REPORTS

- 3) **Treasurer's report**
  - a) Bruce Smith updated the NCCC on recent funding decisions by the Committee, including funding for the Reid Residents Association to produce welcome packs for new residents and a Zoom subscription for online meetings. Bruce further noted that the ACT Government, which has acknowledged the difficulties associated with dispensing the grant funding in the current year, will shortly provide advice on the process for reporting against the 2019-20 Deed of Grant.
- 4) **Committee decisions**
  - a) Jochen Zeil updated the NCCC on a proposed extension to Morisset Road to the Federal Highway intersection at the Antill Street roundabout. The works, which would also

include a stormwater retardation basin north of Morisset Road on Sullivan's Creek, are still at the design stage.

- i) Concerns were raised about the potential impacts of the proposal on Sullivans Creek and the likely increase in traffic on Antill Street from Mitchell that would occur.
  - ii) The Committee will continue discussing the issues with the ACT Government and advise NCCC as further information becomes available.
- b) Jochen advised that the NCCC had recently received a reply from the Minister for Planning Mick Gentleman MLA to an NCCC letter outlining a range of concerns around knock-down rebuilds or major extensions in residential zones in North Canberra.
- i) The Minister's reply acknowledged the NCCC's concerns and indicated that work is currently underway to improve public consultation and access to information for the DA process.
- c) Jochen also advised of an ACT Government response to the NCCC's letter seeking an opportunity to discuss the upcoming ACT Planning Review.
- i) The response, from the Planning Directorate's Ben Ponton, advised that an initial consultation on the ACT Planning Review would commence on 21 July through the Environment and Planning Forum, and suggested that the issues raised by the NCCC could be canvassed in the forum.

#### **5) Residents' associations update**

##### **a) Lyneham**

- i) Following the discussion in last month's Committee Meeting about gauging the views of Residents Associations towards the future of Summernats, Gordon McAllister advised that Lyneham would like the ACT Government to release the relevant economic data, including a cost benefit analysis, to inform any consideration of whether to call for Summernats to be moved from its current place in Canberra.

##### **b) Watson**

- i) Simon Clarke advised that, in regards to Summernats, the Watson Residents Association would support any proposal to move Summernats.

##### **c) Dickson/Section 72**

- i) Jane Goffman advised the NCCC of plans to link Hawdon Place with Hawdon Street, which are currently separated by the stormwater drain. Any connection between the two streets had previously been ruled out, however, the proposal is contained within the Common Ground plans.

(1) Jane noted that Hawdon Street is a popular thoroughfare for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren from the nearby North Ainslie Primary School. The proposed connection would draw in traffic from the busier Antill Street and increase the traffic impacts for pedestrians such as schoolchildren.

##### **d) Ainslie**

- i) Marcus Hipkins updated the NCCC on the Angas Street issue (concerning the plans surrounding the Ainslie Football Club). Last month, the NCCC Committee agreed that Marcus and Geoff Davidson represent the NCCC in the ACAT proceedings relating to Angas Street. While a hearing date has not yet been set, the parties are going through a mediation process, which may remove the need for further proceedings.

##### **e) Campbell**

- i) Marg Dudley notes the extensive range of developments currently underway in Campbell, from the three four story developments at the Campbell shops to the work underway with the War Memorial expansion, and the negative impacts of the works on the suburb more broadly, particularly illegal parking in.
  - (1) Marg noted that public signs have recently been erected around some of the main hotspots, which may assist in driving the recent spike in illegal parking in and around Campbell.

**f) Hackett**

- i) Bruce Smith noted, following a discussion in last month's meeting about the COVID-19 shutdown leading to increased outdoor activity in Canberra's suburbs, that the section of Hackett adjoining the Majura Reserve has seen a proliferation of homemade 'pirate-track' BMX trails in recent months.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MEETING CLOSE**

**Future meetings**

General meetings (7.00 pm, hosted via Zoom): 16 September