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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

It has been another busy month in planning news, with North Canberra's rapid growth again in the spotlight. Recent debate has focused on the question of whether there is sufficient capacity to meet the expected increase in school enrolments over the next ten years, in line with the inner north's recent growth and demographic trends. The Canberra Times recently reported that many local primary schools are starting to reach capacity.

The NCCC believes that this issue goes to the heart of the concerns held by many residents about the current nature of North Canberra's development, as it highlights the concerns that the cumulative impacts of the new developments on the existing infrastructure and services (schools, local shops, green spaces and transport) are not being fully considered by the ACT Government.

NCCC updates

- **Braddon Place development:** At the April General Meeting, Cox Architecture and JWLand delivered a presentation to the NCCC on the new Braddon Place residential development which is being constructed in the location between Northbourne Avenue, Henty Street and Haig Park [insert photo].

While the Development Application (DA) has not yet been lodged, the current proposal is for five buildings on the Northbourne side (at nine stories) and four buildings on the Henty Street side (seven stories) for a total of 602 units.

There would not be any fencing separating Braddon Place from the nearby Haig Park. A single discharge vehicle lane on to Northbourne Avenue will also be included in order to alleviate congestion on Henty Street. The NCCC will provide further details on the proposal when the DA is lodged.

- **Dame Pattie Menzies House redevelopment proposal rejected:** The NCCC had lodged an objection to the proposal to redevelop the Dame Pattie Menzies House in Dickson (on the corner of Challis and Cape Streets, Dickson)) into a new apartment building.

While the NCCC had met with the developers in a consultation session last December to discuss the project and provide suggestions, particularly around improving pedestrian and public amenity (including safety after dark for residents), there was limited evidence that these suggestions had been taken on board. The adequacy of the car parking arrangements, particularly in terms of providing visitor spots, was also called into question.

The DA was rejected in late March and it is unclear at this stage when a revised DA for the project may be lodged.

Local news and updates

- **Demolition at Canberra Technology Park in Watson begins:** Following AIE's announcement of its new campus plans at the site of the Canberra Technology Park, the demolition works on the old campus commenced in April. At this stage, the car park and band hall building adjacent to the tennis courts will be demolished, while the tennis courts and nearby paths will remain open.

It is noted that the demolition works also include remediation of asbestos at the site. More details on the remediation works can be found at this ACT Government [website](#).

- **Proposed upgrade of Campbell local shops:** Designs have been released on the planned upgrades for the Campbell shops, including new footpaths, parking and landscaping. More information on the designs can be found [here](#). The consultation period closes on 10 May.
- **New ACT Natural Resource Management plan under development:** The ACT Government is seeking feedback on the development of the new Natural Resource Management plan for the next twenty years. The Discussion Paper can be found [here](#), with the initial round of consultation closing at the end of May.
- **Heritage management of Anzac place, the Carillion and Aspen Island:** The National Capital Authority has opened public consultation on the draft Heritage Management Plans for the three locations, with comments sought by 24 May. Further information on

the heritage plans can be found on the National Capital Authority's [website](#)

- **'Eye Spy Lyneham' project launch:** The Lyneham Community Association has launched a photo competition and exhibition series that will take place from April to June. The competition, which includes kids prizes, is open to anyone with a connection to Lyneham, with more details at the Lyneham Community Association's [website](#), social media pages and through this poster [**insert poster**].

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

Financial Update

The NCCC's current balance as of April 2021 is \$7,373, with projected remaining expenditure in 2020-21 of \$5,530.

The key expenditure items for the NCCC in April related to NCCC website administration costs, supporting the Dickson Residents Group to become an incorporated body, and supporting the Dickson Residents Group-facilitated exhibition on the Dickson Aerodrome, as part of the Canberra Heritage Festival.

In April, the NCCC also agreed to provide support for the "Eye Spy My Lyneham" photo competition and to the Hackett Community Association for a pilot of the 'coffee club' events, which the Campbell Residents Association have been running successfully in recent months.

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