

INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2011 - 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

2012 ISCCC AGM

Introduction

The ISCCC AGM in November 2011 endorsed a strategic plan for the Council's work over the four-year period 2011 to 2015.

This report provides a summary of action taken in the past year to implement the agreed actions in the strategic plan.

There is no intention to complete all of the stated actions within one year, but to spread action over the four-year period covered by the Strategy.

Achievements for the past year are detailed in the attached Strategy document but are summarised below:

- ISCCC has supported the establishment of residents' organisations in Deakin, Red Hill, and Kingston/Barton, all of which are now represented on the ISCCC. The Oaks Estate Progress Association has also joined the ISCCC.
- Redevelopment of the ISCCC website
- ISCCC submissions to the ACT Government on the Draft ACT Planning Strategy, Weathering the Change Action Plan 2, Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan, Transport for Canberra
- ISCCC submission to the National Capital Authority on the National Capital Open Space System
- Community survey and analysis on transport requirements in Inner South Canberra
- Analysis of existing Neighbourhood Plans and of ACT and other models of Precinct Codes to identify key elements that should be addressed in an Inner South Precinct Code/suburban precinct codes.
- Close cooperation between the ISCCC and other Community Councils in advocating to the ACT Government on issues of common concern.
- Public meetings addressed by ACT Government and other representatives, and a candidates' forum in the lead-up to the 2012 ACT election.

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Desired outcome: Inner South Canberra residents are happy with the amenity and community well-being of the Inner South

	Strategy	Actions	Responsibility and timeframe	Performance Measures
1.1	Promote Inner South issues to government in collaboration with residents' groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the community and the ACT Government on a strategic plan for the development of Inner South Canberra. 2. Respond to Government calls for comment on key strategic documents. 3. Liaise with other Community Councils and residents' groups on matters of common interest, and collaborate where appropriate. 4. Advocate to Government Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Federal Parliament (MPs) on Inner South issues 	<p>Committee develops draft outline of strategic plan by June 2012</p> <p>ISCCC committee engages with ACT Government with a view to a draft strategic plan being prepared by 2013, Canberra's centenary.</p> <p>For other actions: Committee, ongoing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community and ACT Government satisfaction with the strategic plan –Committee reviewed Neighbourhood Plans and explored key elements of the Inner North Canberra and other Precinct Codes of relevance to future Inner South Canberra Precinct Codes. The ISCCC has made submissions on the ACT's Draft Planning Strategy (Feb 2012), Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan (June 2012), Transport for Canberra (Nov 2011), Weathering the Change Action Plan (March 2012). 2. Timely ISCCC responses and advocacy – submissions have met required timelines. 3. Continuing support for ISCCC amongst members, Legislative Assembly and Government – MLAs/officials attended ISCCC meetings, including pre-election Forum.

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1.2	Build community and other stakeholder participation in planning and other relevant issues through communication and engagement, and improvements in participation processes, including access to justice through ACAT.	<p>1. Develop a community engagement and communications plan in collaboration with, and principally operationalised by member organisations, possibly including:</p> <p>1.1 An online engagement option for Inner South residents to gauge and/or pledge support.</p> <p>1.2 A leaflet explaining the role of the ISCCC</p> <p>2. Through member organisations, promote communication and cooperation between residents (e.g. newsletter, website, billboards), and facilitate establishment of groups in unrepresented areas.</p> <p>3. With other Community Councils seek Legislative Assembly / ACT Government support for a fully resourced planning advocacy agency under the auspices of the Combined Community Councils.</p>	<p>1. Committee by 31 March 2012.</p> <p>2. Committee, working with suburban groups, ongoing.</p> <p>3. ISCCC Committee, in line with ACT election timetable and in collaboration with other Community Councils.</p>	<p>1. Communications and engagement plan, and public relations strategy, developed and implemented: 1.1. ISCCC website redeveloped and launched.</p> <p>2. Good attendance at Council/member group forums and/or active e-mail communication – good attendance at meetings on planning issues, and at the pre-election forum <i>Meet the Candidates</i> (77 attended). ISCCC supported establishment of residents' groups in Deakin, Red Hill, Kingston/Barton, and supports their communication activities. Oaks Estate Progress Association has joined ISCCC.</p> <p>3. Commitment from Assembly election candidates to provide funding for such an agency - ISCCC has advocated on this issue and will pursue it with the new ACT Government.</p>

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2	<p>Promote Quality Planning and Development.</p> <p><i>Note: the context of this strategy is to have appropriate regard to existing policies etc such as the National Capital Plan, the Territory Plan, the Garden City Principles, the Griffin legacy, Neighbourhood Plans and precinct codes.</i></p>	<p>1. Advocate legislation that promotes quality development and protects the unique characteristics of the Inner South, including by:</p> <p>1.1 Distilling important recommendations from residents' groups and other community councils relating to Draft Variations, including DV306, to the Territory Plan so as to identify priority actions for the ISCCC.</p> <p>1.2 Supporting the review, development and recognition of local plans for Inner South suburbs and advocating their inclusion in the Territory Plan.</p> <p>1.3 Advocating notification of all immediate neighbours for Code Track development applications, and full public notification (including zone and whether heritage-listed) for all Merit Track development applications.</p> <p>2. Advocate to Government Ministers, MLAs and MPs on Inner South planning and development issues.</p> <p>3. Advocate for improved process and consultation including the engagement of a planning advocacy agency.</p>	<p>1. ISCCC Committee, in conjunction with residents' associations or representatives, ongoing.</p> <p>2. ISCCC committee, ongoing.</p> <p>3. ISCCC Committee, ongoing.</p>	<p>1. Priority actions taken relating to Draft Variations – ISCCC made a submission to, and appeared before the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee (11 July 2012) in relation to the review of Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan. ISCCC also made a submission on DV307 (Brumbies)</p> <p>2. Local plans developed for Inner South suburbs – initial analysis undertaken of existing Neighbourhood Plans and of ACT/ other models for Precinct Codes.</p> <p>3. Submissions lodged are well founded, and reflect community input – ISCCC consulted residents' associations and its submissions complemented their submission/s.</p> <p>4. Priority issues are communicated to relevant politicians –see reference to submissions above.</p> <p>5. Appropriate improvements made to the planning process – the ISCCC has and will continue to pursue this with the new ACT Government.</p>

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3	Safeguard the heritage of the Inner South.	<p>1. With regard to the Inner South Canberra Heritage Register:</p> <p>1.1 Lobby for Heritage Register requirements to be applied.</p> <p>1.2. Advocate for timely consideration of Inner South heritage applications.</p> <p>2. Promote community awareness of heritage values and issues in the Inner South.</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<p>1. Timely and effective ISCCC submissions and advocacy.</p> <p>2. Increased community awareness of heritage values and issues in the Inner South – ISCCC held a public forum to raise awareness of issues relating to the Fitters' Workshop in Kingston.</p> <p>The ISCCC is presenting Oaks Estate heritage and planning issues to the ACT Government.</p> <p>The ISCCC is engaging with the NCA on national capital issues and implications for the Inner South.</p>

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4	Protect Urban Open Space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to National Capital Authority policy documents on the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS). 2. Promote ISCCC position on urban open space issues, including protection of access, interface with urban development, urban forest, waterways, community gardens and biodiversity issues. 	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timely submissions to relevant Commonwealth and ACT Government authorities on relevant issues – ISCCC lodged a timely submission in late 2011 for the NCA's review of the NCOSS.
5	Support environmental, economic and social resilience and sustainability in Inner South Canberra.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop an ISCCC strategy on resilience and sustainability in planning for the Inner South. 2. Monitor major new developments in Inner South to ensure they meet relevant standards in energy, water use and transport efficiency. 3. In collaboration with other community councils and residents' associations invite experts and government officers to speak on relevant topics, often rotating meetings in collaboration with local residents' groups. 	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy endorsed by ISCCC members – ISCCC working group has been working with SEE-Change Inner South in identifying key sustainability indicators. 2. ISCCC has contributed to planning on sustainable urban development – ISCCC lodged submissions on ACT Government's Planning Strategy (Feb 2012) and its Weathering the Change Action Plan 2 (March 2012). 3. Discussions held with relevant experts, they are invited to address ISCCC/ local public meetings etc – relevant experts will be invited in coming year/s.

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6	Promote the development of high quality transport networks.	<p>Identify and assess relevant work already done by others in this area.</p> <p>Prepare gap identification and needs analysis for public transport, pedestrian and cycle networks, taking into account information on costs/benefits.</p> <p>Proactively develop ISCCC's priorities and strategy in conjunction with ACT and Commonwealth Governments.</p> <p>Make submissions to ACT and Commonwealth as necessary.</p>	<p>Sub-committee, in conjunction with residents' associations' assessment of work done by others by 28 February 2012.</p> <p>Survey by 31 March 2012. Develop gap analysis by 30 April 2012.</p> <p>Develop priorities and action plan by 30 June 2012.</p> <p>ISCCC Committee Ongoing.</p>	<p>Actions completed on time and to the satisfaction of the Committee – relevant work done by others identified, and community survey undertaken to identify transport issues and gaps. The ISCCC also participated in the Combined Community Council forum on transport issues.</p> <p>Document prepared to the satisfaction of the Committee. ACT and Commonwealth Government input sought.</p> <p>Advocacy made in a timely and professional manner. ACT Molonglo MLAs and relevant ACT Federal MPs are fully informed of the ISCCC position.</p>

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7	Promote provision of appropriate infrastructure and support services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local suburban shopping centres • Education and sporting facilities • Community facilities and concessional leases • Community services. 	Review Neighbourhood Plans and ACT Government's Infrastructure Plans, to identify gaps and requirements. Identify priorities. Advocate to ACT / Commonwealth Governments on identified needs. Respond to ACT / Commonwealth Governments policy and discussion papers as required.	ISCCC Committee, ongoing (responsive to election cycles).	1. Research and gap analysis completed – action on this issue is planned for 2013 and/or 2014. 2. Priorities and strategy developed and agreed by ISCCC. 3. ISCCC provides timely input and advocacy. Election mandates reflect Inner South Canberra needs. 4. Timely input to policy and discussion papers by ISCCC and policies influenced.

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8	<p>Build evidence base for ISCCC policy and advocacy by analysing demographic data to understand trends and implications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing population • Social Infrastructure • Indigenous matters • Appropriate mix of housing 	<p>1. Analyse relevant data (Census, ACT Government etc) and identify implications.</p> <p>2. Facilitate community access to the data, analysis and implications (e.g. website, Council Forums)</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing	<p>Relevant, timely and accurate information is readily available, and is used – this will be a focus in 2013.</p> <p>ISCCC advocacy is evidence based.</p>